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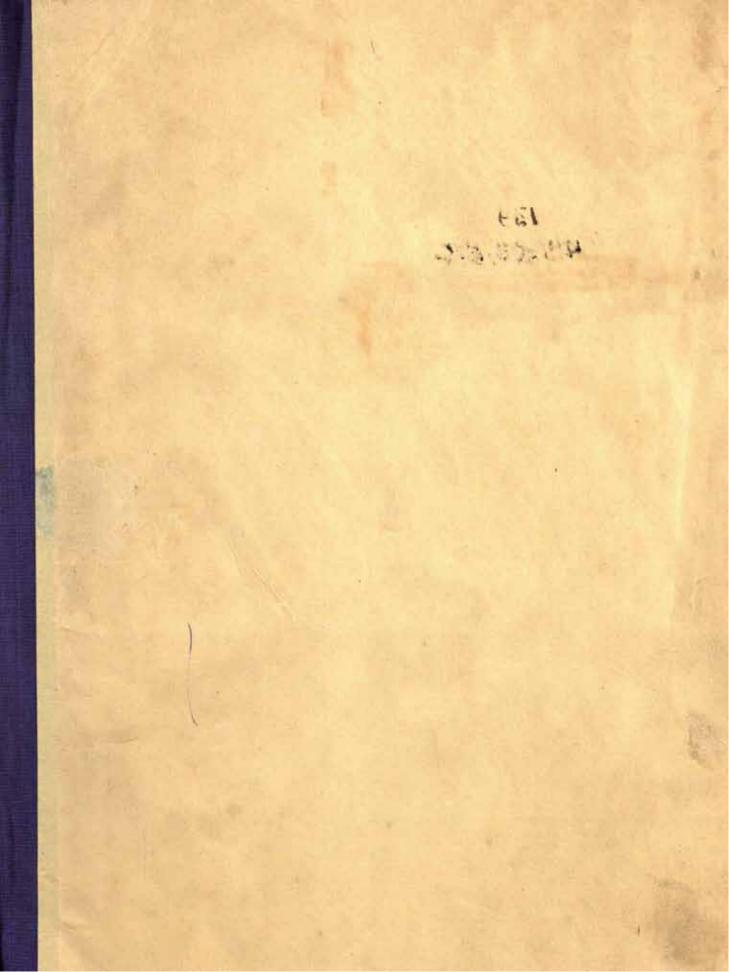
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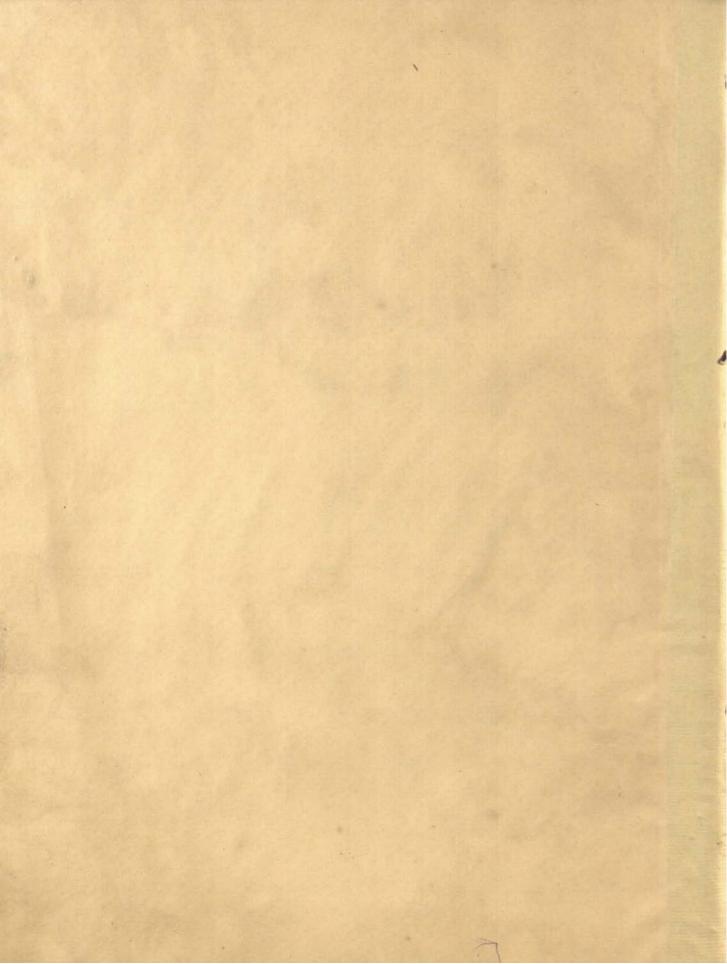
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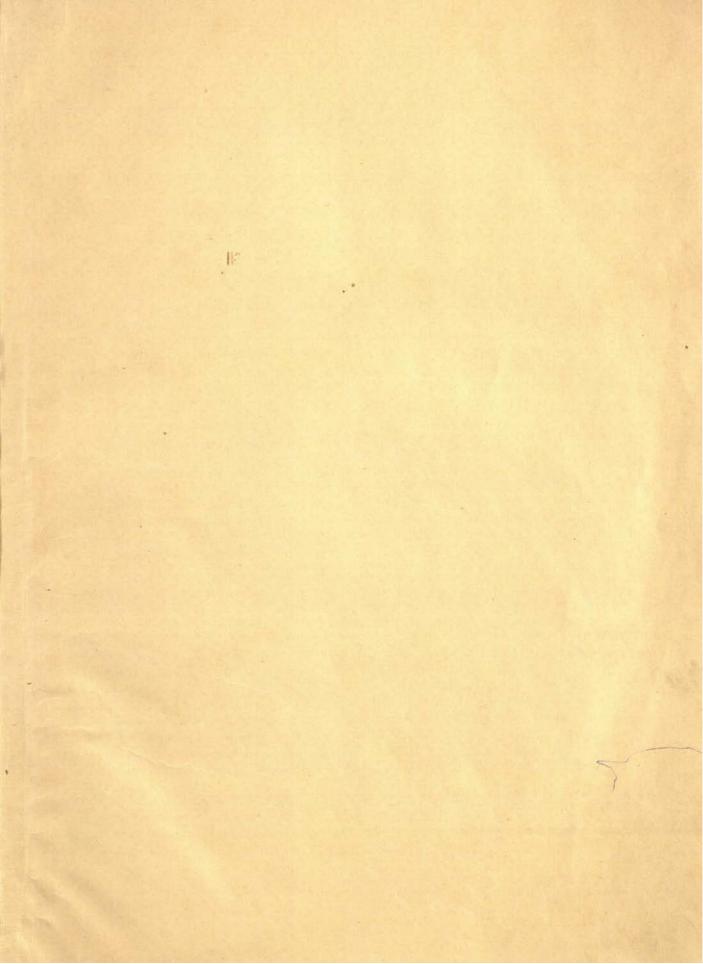
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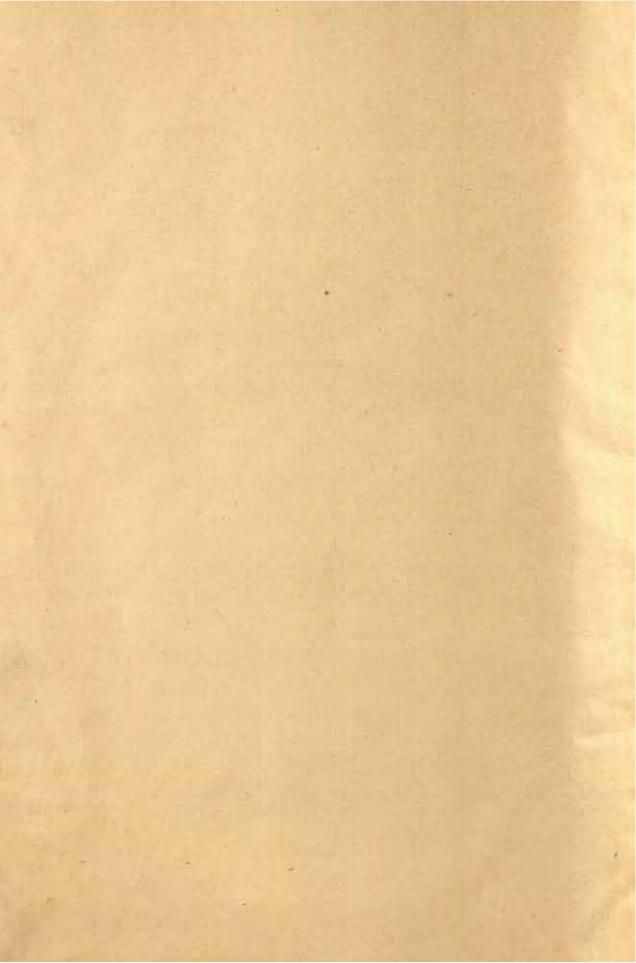
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No. 1.—REWAH PLATES OF THE TIME OF TRAILOKYAMALLADEVA: [KALA-CHURI] YEAR 963.

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This set of two copper-plates was found in 1929 at Dhureti, a village about 7 miles from the Rewah town, by a cultivator while ploughing his field, and is now preserved in the Treasury at Rewah. During my visit to Rewah early in 1936, I came to know of this find and later in the same year the Political Minister of the State very kindly sent me the plates for examination and taking impressions. The record has already been noticed by me in the Annual Report, Archaeological Survey of India, 1935-36, pp. 90-91 and I am now editing it in the Epigraphia Indica with the kind permission of the Rewah Darbar.

The plates measure $15\frac{3}{4}^n \times 10\frac{1}{4}^n$ each and are strung together by means of a ring, passing through a hole pierced about the middle of each plate. They are inscribed on one side only, the obverse of the first and the reverse of the second plate being left blank. They have highly raised rims which have protected the writing beautifully. There is a seal attached to the ring, bearing at the top the figure of Gaja-Lakshmi in relief, rather crudely executed. Below the figure is a legend in one line which reads \$\mathbb{S}_{\text{rimot}}\text{Trail\(\text{ckyamalla}\)}\). When the plates were received by me the ring was found already cut but there can be no doubt that both the ring and the seal belong to the plates under discussion. The scal measures $6\frac{3}{4}^n \times 4\frac{1}{4}^n$ and the plates including the ring and the seal weigh 419 tolas.

Each plate has 11 lines of writing, the letters being approximately 1" in height. The engraver appears to have left too much margin between the lines in the second plate and had to engrave the last two lines in slightly smaller characters so that the record could be completed in this face of the plate. The engraving was done rather carelessly. Some of the letters are ill formed and while syllables have been dropped in many places, only in two cases the missing letters have been supplied at the top of the line concerned. The characters are Nagari, the language being Sanskrit. The whole record with the exception of three verses in Il. 1-b is in prose. Several mistakes in grammar and syntax show that though the record was composed by two Pandits, neither of them was a proficient scholar in Sanskrit. The script does not call for any special remarks but attention may be drawn to the following minor points. The unusvara has sometimes been represented by a circle above the syllable to which it belongs, e.g., simha (1. 8), Brichamda (1. 9), pamdita (1. 11), etc., and sometimes it has been written in an ornamental way, e.g., om (l. 1), mainti, maindalaka (l. 8), iamdhio (l. 8), etc. In writing i sometimes a cross bar has been used joining the two limbs of the letter thus making it look like s, cf. Sivāya (l. 1), šaranyah (l. 4), šrī-Malayasimha (l. 8), Saiv-āchāryº (l. 11), etc. Due to shabbiness in writing it is sometimes hard to distinguish between v and ch. For the same reason pra in pravarddhamāna and tha in Jyēshtha (1. 7) look like vra and va respectively. As

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regards orthography the following points may be noted: (1) The same sign has been used for writing v and b, e.g., Kanyakuvjo (1, 6). (2) While consonants in conjunction with a subscript. r have never been doubled, those joined with a superscript r have sometimes been doubled and sometimes left single, e.g., sareva- (ll. 4, 5, etc.), pravarddhamāna (l. 7), chakravartti- (l. 11), Durv vāsā (l. 12), etc., as against samarthō (l. 3), Chaturmukha (l. 4), dharmā° (l. 9), kārya (l. 19), etc. (3) Anusvāra has invariably been used in place of the nasal of the same class, e.g., namdano (1. 1), komal-āmgo (l. 2), Nīlakamtha (ll. 2-3), -āmbhoja (l. 4), etc. (4) Rēpha has been wrongly dropped in Tipura (l. 3) and visarga in Nilakamitha (ll. 2-3), tapa, kuśala (l. 11), Sēvarāja (l. 14), etc. (5) While # and s cannot always be distinguished for reasons stated above, ś has been definitely used for s in hamśa (l. 4), śamdhi? (l. 8), -āśvāśa (l. 17) and vice versá in Sēvarāja (l. 14) if it stands for Šivarāja. (6) Sandhi has not been observed in many places, sometimes not even between members forming a compound, e.g., "ra-asvapati (l. 5), Vāhada-arthalekhi- (Il. 8-9) and wrong sandhi is found in -suto Samta" (I. 13). In I. 13 though honorific plural has been used in Sāmtaśica-charaṇāḥ, all the qualifying epithets have been left in singular. The genitive in Dharēkasya (l. 14), however, has been correctly used, as this person was not the recipient of a permanent gift,1 The term vittava(ba)mdha (ll. 13, 19) which I have taken in the sense of 'mortgage, or pledge for money received' is of lexicographic interest. All the errors occurring in the record have been corrected either in the body of the text or in the footnotes accompanying it.

The inscription opens with the sacred syllable $\delta \hat{m}$ and obeisance to Siva and Gaṇapati which are followed by three invocatory verses. The first two of these verses are in praise of Krishna and Siva respectively and the third is a quotation of the verse found at the commencement of Dandin's Kāvyādarša. A similar instance is found in the Rewah Plates of the Mahārāṇaka Kumārapāla (V. S. 1297) and the Mahārāṇaka Harirājadēva (V. S. 1298) where the last of the three introductory verses is taken from the introduction to Bāṇa's Kādambarī.

The record (Il. 5-7) refers itself to 'the prosperous, auspicious and victorious reign of the illustrious Trailōkyamalladēva, who was endowed with all the royal titles commencing with Paramabhatṭāraka (i.e., Paramabhaṭṭāraka-Mahārājādhirāja-Paramēśvara), who was a devout worshipper of Mahēśvara (Siva), who was the lord over three rōjas (viz.), the lord of horses, the lord of elephants and the lord of men, who was a veritable Vāchaspati in the investigation of the various (branches of) knowledge, who meditated on the feet of the illustrious Vāmadēva, (and) who was the lord of Kanyakubja'. In l. 12 he is also called trišatī-rājy-ādhipati, an epithet not met with elsewhere.

The date of the record is given in l. 7 as Samma(va)t 963 Jyështha-éudi 7 Sōmē dinam-(nē), i.e., on Monday the 7th day of the light half of the month of Jyështha in the year 963, which must be referred to the Kalachuri era. The date is, however, irregular, unless Sōmē is an error for Saumyë in which case it would regularly correspond to Wednesday, the 9th May A.D. 1212.

Lines 7-9 mention some of the officers of the king and the offices they held. Malayasimha who bears the titles Mahāmahattaka and Mamdalika was the minister (mantrin) of the king. The other officers mentioned are: Thakkura Haripāla, the Sandhivigrahīka or the minister of Foreign Affairs, Vāhada, the city-prefect (Kōṭṭapāla) and Srīchanda, who was a merchant (śrēzhṭhin), the writer of deeds (arthalēkhin). The last three among others appear to have been the members of the pamchakula and the dharmādhikarana.

i Cf. Tatteabodhini on the rule Karmanā yam:abhipraiti sa sampradānam (Pāņini, 1-4-32): dānam ch-āpunar-grahanāya sva-svatva-nivritti-pūrvakam para-svatv-ôtpādamam.

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 231 ff. and 235 ff. For another inscription where the benedictory stanza of Kalidans's Sakuntalä is cited as an introductory verse, see above, Vol. XI, p. 65.

The record is interesting in that it is not the usual land-grant but is a vitta-bandha or ' deed of mortgage '1 for the village Alfra, situated in the Dhovahatta-pattana of the Dhanavahipattalā. The village was pledged by the Saiva teacher Santasiva, son of the royal preceptor (rājaguru) Vimalašiva, to the Rānaka Dharēka, but no mention is made of the actual amount of money that was taken as loan. The mortgagee, who belonged to the Vatsa-gofra, was a son of Sevaraja (Sivaraja) and grandson of Rasala. The document is said to have been issued from a camp in a certain auspicious place, apparently in the city of Dhövahatta (ll. 10-14). The deed was executed by Nādašiva, another son of Vimalašiva, on the authorisation of his elder brother Santasiva (II. 15-18). The mortgagee was given all the rights of collecting taxes. As far as it can be made out from 1. 19, the meaning of which is not quite clear, he also appears to have been given the right of holding the village in pledge as long as he wished, probably meaning thereby till all the dues were cleared. There were seven witnesses to the deed, viz., the Pattakila Madanē, Šīlē, Thākur Sūpata, Thākur Gāmgē, Raņadhavala, Gamgadēva and Kavita († 11. 19-20). It appears from the use of punctuation marks in lines 20-21 that Thakur Göllana, probably an additional witness, was also authorised to take possession, evidently on behalf of the mortgagee. The document was drawn up by the Pandits Viśvēśvara and Gamgādhara and engraved by Sīruka. As it is not a land-grant, it naturally does not contain any imprecatory and benedictory verses at the end.

In connection with the identification of Trailokyamalla mentioned in the present record we may observe that most of the birudas used by this ruler were used by the Kalachuri rulers of Tripuri and also by the Gahadavala rulers of Kanauj. But though places in the neighbourhood of Rewah were within the Kalachuri territory we do not know of any Kalachuri ruler of this name. I would therefore identify this Trailokyamalla with the homonymous ruler mentioned in the Rewah Plates of Hariraja of V. S. 1298. Cunningham and Kielhorn have already suggested that he is no other than the Chandella ruler Trailokyavarman for whom we have records dating from V. S. 1261 to 1298 (A.D. 1205-1241). But while Trailokyavarman, like his predecessors, calls himself Kālanjarādhipati in both the sets of Garrah plates of V. S. 12612 and Trikalingadhipati in the Rewah plates of the Maharanaka Kumarapala dated V. S. 1297,4 he is called Kanyakubjādhipati in the present inscription, a title used by the Gahadavāla rulers of Kanauj. Though this last-mentioned title is not found in any other Chandella record, it is not unlikely that with the decline of the Gahadavala power, Trailokyamalla assumed this title, as he did also the title of Trikalingadhipati borne by the Kalachuris of Dahala. Many years ago a hoard of 48 silver coins of the Chandella Madanavarman was found at Panwar in the Teonthar Tahsil of the Rewah State.4 This find tends to show, as has been already suggested by Dr. H. C. Ray*, that even in the time of this ruler the Chandella power penetrated into Baghelkhand, north of the Kaimur range. But that the country around Rewah still continued to be under the Kalachuris for several decades is certain. We have two inscriptions of the Kalachuri Vijayasimha's time to support this view. The first is the Rewah plate of Salakshanavarman, the chief of Kakarēdi (modern Kakreri on the border of Rewah and Panna States) and still a feudatory of

For a deed of mortgage engraved on brick which was found in a village near Jaunpur, see J. A. S. B., Vol. XIX, pp. 454-56. It is dated Samuat 1273 Ashādha-šudi 6 Racau (—Sunday, 11th June, A.D. 1217) and records the loan of 2,250 drammas on the pledge of certain fields.

² Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 235 f.

³ Above, Vol. XVI, pp. 274 ff.

⁴ Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 231 ff.

^{*} See J. P. A. S. B., Vol. X (1914), pp. 199 f.

^{*} See his Dynastic History of Northern India, Vol. 1, pp. 727 f.

Vijayasimha in V. S. 1253 (A.D. 1195), the date of the record, and the second, the Rewalt inscription of Malayasimha* dated K. 944 (A.D. 1192-93). Verse 24 of the latter record seems to show that already before K, 944, Salakshana had tried to throw off the yoke of subordination of these rulers, probably by joining hands with the Chandellas, on attempt in which he was not appatently successful. I have noticed alsowhere a damaged inscription of the reign of Vijayasimha, the date on which seems to read (Chēdi year) 962. Unfortunately the provenance of this record, which was issued from Tripuri, is not known. But as it is now deposited in the Rewah Treasury, it is likely that it did not come from a place far from the Rewah town. If that is so, it is clear that the Kalachuris were still holding sway in this part of Bäghelkhand in K. 962. The record under consideration, however, shows that in K. 963, i.e., only a year later, their territory contiguous to the Rewall town had passed under the Chandellas.

In the inscription of Vijayasimha of K. 962 referred to above, we find the name of one Mandalika Malayasimha mentioned among the officers of this ruler. The Rewah inscription of K. 944 also mentions a Sămanta Malayasimha who was responsible for the excavation of a tank and also for the setting up of the record in the reign of the very same Kalachuri ruler. Now there is nothing against our taking Malayasinha mentioned in these two records as identical. It is quite likely that Malayasiihha, whose ancestors were connected with the Kalachuri rulers as officers for several generations, was himself appointed an officer by Vijayasimha sometime between K. 944 and K. 262. But what is surprising is that the record under consideration also not only mentions a Malayasiriha bearing the titles Mahāmahattaka and Mandalika but in addition calls him a mantrin or minister of the ruling king, viz., Trailökyamalla. As this inscription is later than the inscription of K. 962 by one year only, there is little doubt that Malayasunha mentioned in all the three inscriptions is one and the same person. If this view is correct, then we have to admit that one of the chief officers of Vijayasimha not only transferred his allegiance to the conquering ruler but was also appointed a minister under him. It is reasonable to assume that he had to accept the Chandella suzerainty to save himself and his estate. We have a parallel instance in the history of the chiefs of Karkarëdi. We know from his Rewalt plate that in V. S. 1253 Salakshanavarman was still a feudatory of the Kalachuri Vijayasimha. But in the Rewah plates of Harirāja (V. S. 1298) and his son Kumārapāla (V. S. 1297) we find these chiefs owing allegiance to the Chandella ruler Trailokyavarman. But what is puzzling in the present record is the appointment of Malayasiniha as a minister by the Chandella ruler. It may be that he helped the latter in his cause in some way or other or it may be that on account of his experience in local administration his services were utilized in the newly conquered territory on his accepting the Chandella supremacy.

In conclusion it would not be out of place to say a few words about the Saiva teachers mentioned in the record. As I have already pointed outs Vimalasiva mentioned in the record is no other than the Rajagura Vimalasiva of the Jubbulpore Kotwali Plates of Jayasimhadeva of K. 918.5 Though the name is not found elsewhere it is probable that he belonged to the line of the ascetics of the Mattamayura clan who were held in great reverence by the Kalachuri rulers of Tripuri. We know from the present record that Vimalasiva had two sons, the elder being Santaaiva and the younger Nadasiva. The epithets applied to the latter two teachers show that they, like their father, were also held in high estimation. Santasiva is said to be the incarnation of the

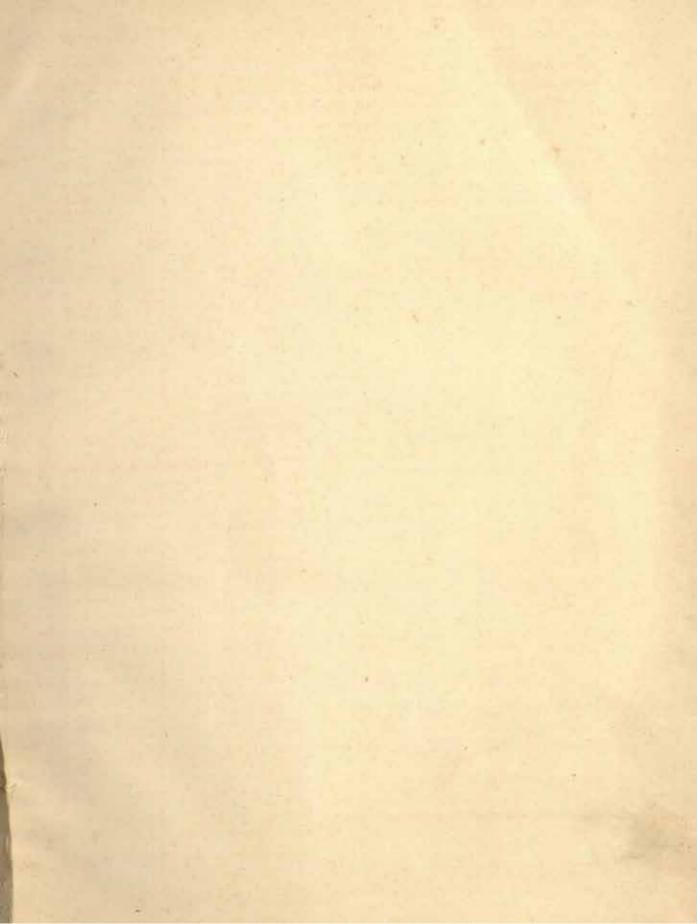
Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 228 ff.

^{*} See An. Rep. A. S. I., 1935-36, pp. 89-90.

Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 93 ff.

² Above, Vol. XIX, pp. 296 ff.

⁴ An. Rep. A. S. I., 1935-36, p. 91.



हिनस्ति ना नापाय ाड्य इय देवी विनित्ती एक यात कृष तर्माविन परिपार्श विनित्त विन

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१२ लिए प्रास्ति ता दे स्वर्गित्म जा विपति से निर्मा के लोग ले पाद वे ने स्वरंगित विद्या प्राप्ति के विपति विद्या प्राप्ति के स्वरंगित के स्वरंगित

sage Durvasas in the Kali age. The interpretation of another phrase used in connection with him is rather puzzling. It is triśatī-rājy-ādhipati-śrīmat-Trailōkyamalla-pād-ārchchana-ratah (l. 12). Probably this has to be translated as 'whose feet were devotedly worshipped by the illustrious Trailokyamalla, the lord of the kingdom (consisting) of three hundred.' If that is so, it is reasonable to conclude that this teacher was getting some patronage from the new ruler as well, who also calls himself a Paramamāhēśvara. It is not clear under the circumstances why he should have to alienate what was apparently one of the gifts these teachers received from the Kalachuri rulers. Probably the Chandella conquest was very recent and as such these teachers did not get the same patronage as was hitherto extended to them by their former patrons and as a result they had to mortgage one of their gift villages to raise funds. A somewhat similar instance is provided by the Bengal Asiatic Society's Plates1 of the Gahadavāla Gōvindachandra which record that in V. S. 1177 (A.D. 1120), in presence of this ruler, the village of Karanda in the Antarāla-pattalā which was originally given to the Rājaguru-Śaivāchārya-Bhaṭṭāraka Rudraśiva by (the Kalachuri ruler) Yaśahkarna was transferred to Thakkura Vasishthaśarman. Dr. F. W. Hall, who edited this record, suggested that the village which changed hands lay in the country conquered by Govindachandra from Yasahkarna.

Of the localities mentioned in the record Dhovahatta which was a pattana at the time is identical with the village of Dhureti where the plates were found. The other localities mentioned in the record, viz., Dhanavāhi-pattalā and the village Alīra, I am unable to identify.

TEXT.2

First Plate.

- 1 Ōrn namah Sivāya || Gaṇapatayē namah || Jayatu jayatu dēvō Dēvakī-namdanō= yam |3 jayatu jayatu Krishnō Vrishni-vamsa-pradīpah || (|) ja-
- 2 yatu jayatu mēgha-syāmala[h*] kōmal-āmgō jayatu jayatu prithvī-[bhā]ra-nāśō(śī) Mukumdah | [1||*]4 Avatu sakala-lōkān=Nī-
- Smarāris=Ti(Tri)pura-dahana-samarthō mūrhni(rddhni) bhāsva-3 lakamtha[h*] [ch*]-chhaśamkah | Tuhinagiri-sutāyā vallabhah Śūlapāṇih | 3
- 4 sakala-jana-śaranyah sarvva-lök-aika-nāthah [[2]]*]4 Chaturmukha-mukh-āmbhōja-vanahamśa(sa)-vadhūr=mama [|*] mānasē ramatām ni-
- tyam sarvva-śuklā Sa[ra*]svatī || [3||*]6 Paramabhaṭṭāraka(k-ē)ty-ādi-samasta-rājāvali*virājamāna-Paramamāhē[śva*]ra-aśvapatis-gajapati-
- 6 narapati-rājatray-ādhipati-vividha-vidyā-vichāra-Vāchaspati-śrī Vāmadēva-pād-ānudhyātā-(ta)-Kanyakuvj(bj)-ādhipati-mahī-
- [pra]varddhamāna-kalyāṇa-vijaya-rājyē śrīmat-Trailyō(lō)kyamalladēva-rājyē Samma(va)t 963 Jyēshtha śudi 7 Sōmē dinam(nē) mahā-
- mahanna(tta)ka-mamti(mantri)-mamdala(li)ka-śrī-Malayasimha-vyāpriyamānē śam(sam)dhi[vi*]grahīka-thakkura-Haripāla-kōttapāla-Vāhada-

¹ J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI (1862), pp. 123 f.

² From impressions and the original plates.

³ Danda unnecessary.

⁴ Metre : Mālinī.

There is an excess of a matra in the second pada. Read -dahana-śaktō mūrdhni, etc.

⁶ Metre: Anushtubh.

⁷ The letter va which was at first omitted is written above the line between ja and li.

^{*} Read °r-āśvapati- .

- 9 arthalēkhī¹-Śrī[cha]mda-śrēṭhi²-yathāvarttamāna-samasta-vaṇig-jana-vyavrihi(vyavahri)yamān³a-pamchakula-dharmādhikaraņa-chimtāyām
- 10 Dhovahatta-pattane Dhanavahi-pattalayam yatra kva[cha]na-śubha-pradēśa-samāvāsita-kaṭakāta(t) yama-niyama-svādhyāya-
- 11 dhyan-anushthana-tapa[s*]-chakravartti-pamdita-chakra-chūdamani-saiv-a[ch]ary-adhipatisarvva-vidyā-kuśala[h*] Ka-

Second Plate.

- 12 lau Durvvāsā(ō)-vatāraḥ(ras)=triśati(ī)-rājy-ādhipati-śrīmat-Trailōkymalla-pād-a(ā)rchchanaratah dhyānam kurvvāņō(ņa)
- 13 ēk-āgra-chittatavā bhattāraka-śrīmad-rājaguru-Vimalaśiva-sutō(taś=) Śāmtaśiva-charanāh Vatsa-gotr-anvayē vita(tta)-vam(bam)dha-
- 14 [sva]rūpatayā tha Rāsala-suta-Sē(Si)varāja[s*]=tat-suta-Rāṇaka-śrīmad-[Dha]rēkasya Alīra4-grāmasya bhāga-bhōga-pravaņi-
- 15 kara-sarvv-ādāva-sahitam yāvadhiraņasya⁵ dattam=iti || gūruņām = anujn yām (jnām) prāpya yam-ādi-guņ-ōpēta[s*]=samasta-
- 16 prakriy-ānvita[s*]=tri-kāla-snāna-dēv-ārchchana-rataḥ agni-pūjā-rataś=[cha] sarvvabhūta-dayā-parah sarvvēshām vamdi-janā-
- 17 nām=ādhārabhūtah jamtūnām=āśvāśa(sa)-bhūmi[h*] sarvvāsu kalāsu chaturah ||7 śastra-śāstra-viśāradah bhatta(tṭā)raka-śrīma-
- 18 d-rājaguru-Vimalaśiva-sutah Sāmtaśiv-ānujō Nādaśiva[s=tē*]na pattasya [ha]rsharūpatayā yāva[d*]=dīyatē tāvad=avā-
- 19 pitam³=iti [||*] Vitta-vam(bam)dhatayā kimchi[t*]-kārya-kāranitāpi vā* Rāṇa-śrīmad-[Dha]rēkasya yāvad10=i[ch*]chhā pratipadyatē || Atr-ā-
- 20 r[th]ē sākshiṇaḥ || Paṭa(ṭṭa)kila-Madanē tathā Sīlē tathā ṭha Sūpaṭa ṭha Gāmgē vi¹¹ Raṇadhaula¹² vi¹¹ Gāmgadēva pa[ṭṭa] vi Ka[vi]ta || Tha Gōlla-
- 21 na iti kritvā pravi[shtē] sati gri(gra)hītavyam | śubham bhavatu lēkhaka-pāthakayōh || Svalpa-vudhyā13 mamda-matir-aham ya[t*]-tu vālyāti-
- 22 mu[dgī]ritam¹⁴ [|*] śuddham=aśuddham vā pam[dita*]-Viśvēśvarēṇa likhitam=iti ||¹⁵ pam Gamgādharēņa cha [|*] utakīritam(utkīrņam) Šīrukēna(ņa) || ||16
 - ¹ Read Vahad-arthalekhi-. There is a superfluous medial e sign at the top of a in artha°.
 - 2 Read Śrīchandra-śrēshthi -.
 - 3 The anusvara meant for pa has been wrongly placed on ya.
 - ⁴ It seems that lau was first engraved which was then corrected into li.
 - ⁵ Read yavad=dhiranyam?
 - 6 Read gurunam=.
 - 7 Dandas unnecessary.
 - Read =avaptam=.
 - Read -kāranatō=pi vā.
- 10 Va is written at the top of the line, above ya. If we read yad-ichchha, then Vitta etc. will torm a stanza in the Anushtubh metre.
- 11 I am unable to state what the abbreviation vi stands for. In the grant of Mahārāṇaka Harirājadēva itstands for visua. But in the latter record as this term is always followed by certain figures, it apparently indicates shares in the donated property. See Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, p. 231 and n. 62.
 - 12 I.e., Ranadhavala.
 - 13 Read -buddhyā or -buddhir=.
 - 14 The intended reading may be balyat-kim-udgiritam.
 - 15 This portion appears to be in Aryagiti though the metre is faulty.
 - 16 There is an ornamental mark between these two sets of dandas.

No. 2.—RAMTEK STONE INSCRIPTION OF THE TIME OF RAMACHANDRA.

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Ramtek is the head-quarters of a tahsil of the same name in the Nagpur District of the Central Provinces. It is situated 28 miles North by East of Nagpur and derives its name from the temple of Rama on a hill close to the town. The place is regarded as very holy on account of a number of temples and tirthas on the hill and in its vicinity. A fair is held in the month of Karttika, which attracts thousands of people from even far-off places. The sanctity of the place can be traced back to the fourth century A.D. at least; for the Riddhapur plates, which were issued from the foot-prints of the Lord of Rāmagiri¹ (modern Rāmṭēk), record a grant of the Vākāṭaka dowager queen Prabhavatigupta on the twelfth tithi of the bright fortnight of Karttika. Kalidasa also mentions in his Meghaduta that the hill was marked with the foot-prints of Rama*. These references findicate That the shrine at Ramagiri at first contained only the foot-prints of Rama. Later off the images of Rāma and Sītā appear to have been installed there and another temple "dedicated to Lakshmana was built. This is probably the reason why the temple of Lakshmana is at present situated in front of that of Rāma and Sītā. The present images of these deities are said to have been found in the Dudhālā tank at Rāmtēka and were substituted some years ago for the earlier ones which had been mutilated. These temples are surrounded by a number of smaller shrines. They are situated in the innermost of three enclosures on the hill and none but caste Hindus get access to them.

The present inscription is incised on a large slab let into the wall on the right hand side of the door of the garbhagriha in the temple of Lakshmana. It was first referred to by General Cunningham's Assistant Beglar, who visited Ramtek in 1873-74. He was not admitted to the innermost court-yard of the temple, but he got the inscription copied by his Hindu servant and neticed in it the name of Ramadeva. He could not, however, offer any conjecture about the identification of this Rāmadēva. Subsequently from a faint rubbing of it supplied by Dr. Fleet, Prof. Kielhorn first noticed in it the names of Simhana and Ramachandra whom he identified with the homonymous princes of the Raipur branch of the Haihaya dynasty* mentioned in the Khalari and Raipur stone inscriptions. In 1904-05 Mr. Cousens visited the place, but he too was not admitted inside, and was therefore unable to give any account of the contents of the inscription. Finally Rai Bahadur Hiralal briefly noticed the inscription in his Inscriptions in the C. P. and Berars and identified many of the firthas mentioned in it in an informative article entitled 'A visit to Ramtek', published in the Indian Antiquary, Vol. XXXVII, pp. 202-08. Though referred to or noticed several times the inscription has remained unedited so far. In the absence of a reliable edition it has given rise to some misconceptions about its historical contents. We have, therefore, edited it here from the original stone which we could examine several times during our visits to Ramtek.

[।] शामितिस्सामिन><पादमुक्ताद- J. P. A. S. B., Vol. XX, p. 58.</p>

⁼ बन्दा: पंसा रहुपनिपदेरिकतं मेखलास । (Venic 12.)

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. XXXVII (1908), pp. 207 ff.

Cunningham's A. S. R., Vol. VII, p. 112.

⁴ This occurs in lines 54 and 61 but there it denotes the deity Rama,

² Above, Vol. II, p. 230.

[†] P. R. A. S., Western Circle, for 1904-05, p. 41, pars. 125.

[#] First Edition (1916), pp. 3 f.; Second Edition (1932), p. 3.

As stated above, the record is inscribed on a stone fixed in the front wall of the garbhagrika in the temple of Lakshmana. It now contains 75 lines of writing covering a space 2' 9" broad and 3' 3" high, but a few lines may have been lost at the top. The extant portion falls into two parts, separated by some ornamental figures in lines 31 and 32, the first part comprising II. 1-31 and the second IL 31-75. As the surface of the stone has flaked off in several places the record. has suffered very much, especially in its upper and lower portions and on the left hand side. The loss of the upper portion is very much to be regretted; since, judging from the fragments still extant, it seems to have contained a description of the exploits of the reigning king and his ancestors.

The characters belong to the Nagari alphabet of about the thirteenth century A.D. The language is Sanskrit. As regards orthography, we find that the vowel ri is in some places wrongly written for ri, see tribhuvana 1. 31; r is throughout used for b, see vala for bala 1. 26; sh is employed for kh and vice versá, see e.g., vishandita l. 13 and namaskarskhyč l. 54; the visarga before k and p is changed to sh, see tushtuvush-kalp-antē l. 47 and nripash-Panktirathā l. 48, etc.1 The sign of avagraha is also noticed in some places.

The first four lines of the inscription are too much mutilated to yield any coherent sense. The fifth line contains the words Yadavo ramsah and Yadu-vamsajah evidently indicating that the reigning king called himself Yadava and traced his descent from the legendary here Yadu. The exploits of some king of this family are next described, but the only names of his adversaries that can be made out are Rudra in l. 7, the lord of the Andhras and Choda in l. 8 and possibly the lord of the Gurjaras in l. 9. The syllables Jaitra which occur at the end of l. 9 probably denote some name like Jaitrapala. The name of the king Simhana occurs in 1. 15 in the course of the description of his successor, who is said to have made the Earth forget her grief on account of separation from the illustrious king Simhana. This name seems to have occurred at the beginning of l. 13 also, but the first two aksharas of it have now been broken away. Line 16 mentions the genealogy of a person named Sri-Rāghava. He was a descendant of one Väyinäyaka. From I. 17 we learn that the king, the illustrious Rāmachandra, bestowed on him (i.e., Raghava) fortune which appeared lovely owing to the prosperity of his empire and himself enjoyed the company of ladies skilled in all arts. This means that the king entrusted the government of his kingdom to him and being free from care gave himself up to the enjoyment of pleasures. This Raghava is probably referred to again in Il. 18 and 21 as Sayyapala (guardian of the royal bed-chamber). His wife Rājāyī is mentioned in l. 19. Once upon a time Rāghava asked his preceptor how he could cross the ocean of worldly existence. In answer to this the latter seems to have given a description of the hill as well as of the temples and tirthus situated on it and in its vicinity. The first part of the record seems to have described the hill and the temples on the four sides of it, viz., Ghantësvara, Sudhësvara, Këdara and Ānjanēya. The second part, which is better preserved, names and describes the temples and tirthus on the hill and in the town of Ramtek after the manner of the firtha mahatmyas. As a matter of fact many of them find mention in two Sinduragiri-mahatmyas, one of sixteen and the other of forty-five adhyayas2. The description and topography of these temples and tirthus given in the present inscription agree with those in the mahatmyas. Some of them are again mentioned in a work of the Mahanubhava sect2 in connection with the itinerary of Chakradhara, the founder of the sect, who lived in the

I Probably this at is intended to represent the sign for both jihrāmūliya and upadhmānīya.—Ed.]

² Of these the former was published together with a Marathi translation some years ago at Nagpur, but the latter is still unpublished.

An extract from this work called Sthanapoths was kindly supplied to us by our friend Mr. H. N. Nene.

time of the Yadava king Ramachandra (13th century A.D.). Most of these temples and tirthas can even now be identified at Ramţēk. The traditions about them are thus at least seven centuries old.

As stated above, Prof. Kielhorn, in his article on the Khalari stone inscription, expressed the opinion that the kings Simhana and Ramachandra mentioned in the present inscription were identical with the princes of the same names who were respectively the grandfather and father of Haribrahmadeva, a Haihaya or Kalachuri prince who ruled in Chhattisgarh in the beginning of the lifteenth century A.D.1 From this he concluded that the rule of the Kalachuris extended in the west as far as Nagpur. An examination of several Kalachuri dates had led him to the conclusion that the Kalachuri year commenced on the first tithi of the bright fortnight of Asvina, but he had no evidence of the actual use of the Asvinadi year in any territory under the rule of the Kalachuris. This was subsequently furnished by the remark of Colebrooke in his Journal of Occurrences at Nagpur that the year at Nagpur commenced on the first of the bright half of Āśvina.* Kielhorn thought that this usage was reminiscent of the use of the Kalachuri era in the territory round Nagpur, which on the evidence of the Ramtek inscription he believed to have once been under the rule of the Haihayas or Kalachuris of Raipur." The identification of the family to which the princes Simhana and Ramachandra mentioned in the present inscription belonged is, therefore, important not only for the interpretation of the record, but also for the determination of the beginning of the Kalachuri year.

Kielhorn had no opportunity to examine the inscription in situ. He had before him only a faint rubbing of it. The characters of the inscription have become very shallow, being choked up with oily dust and white wash. It is therefore extremely difficult to decipher the record from rubbings or inked estampages. Rai Bahadur Hiralal, who personally examined it, read the words Yādavē vamšah (I. 5), but he chose to stick to Kielhorn's view that the kings Simhana and Rāmachandra mentioned therein belonged to the Haihaya dynasty, because he thought that the Haihayas being descended from Yadu could be called Yadayas*. It is no doubt true that the Haihayas were descendants of Yadu; for their ancestor Haihaya was, according to the Puranas, a grandson of Sahasrajit who was himself a son of Yadus. But the name Yadava was by usage restricted to the descendants of Kröshtri, another son of Yadus. Nowhere in their numerous inscriptions have the Haibayas or Kalachuris called themselves Yadavas. Besides, in the genealogy of the Haihayas there occurs nowhere any name like Jaitrapala, which, as shown above, appears at the end of line 9 of the present inscription. But the most important objection to the identification of the kings Simhana and Ramachandra with their namesakes who ruled in Chhattisgarh is that neither these latter kings nor any of their immediate ancestors achieved any victories over Rudra, the lord of the Andhras, the Choia and the lord of the Gurjaras; for they were petty princes, whose rule did not extend much beyond the modern district of Raipur. Besides, there is no king of the name Rudra known from history as ruling in the fourteenth or fifteenth century

¹ His Khalari stone inscription is dated Vikrama Samvat 1470 (for 1471), corresponding to A.D. 1415.

^{*} The new year begins here with the light fortnight of Aświna, but opening in the midst of Durga's festival, the New Year's day is only celebrated on the 10th lunar day. Life of H. T. Colebrooke by Sir T. E. Colebrooke, p. 163.

³ See his article entitled "Die Epoche der Cedi-Aera" in the Festgruss an Roth (1893), pp. 53 ff.

^{*}In the second edition of his Inscriptions in U. P. and Berur (p. 3) he has admitted the possibility of Simhapa being a king of the Yadava dynasty.

² See Harinamia (Bombay Ed.), adhyöya 33, vv. 1-2. Compare also the Pithäpuram pillar inscription of Mallideva and Manma-Satya II, above, Vol. IV, p. 89.

See Pargiter, Ancient Indian Historical Tradition, p. 87.

A. D., who may have been defeated by these kings. It is therefore difficult to uphold the identification first proposed by Kielhorn.

We find, on the other hand, the names Jaitrapala, Simhana and Ramachandra in the genealogical list of the Later Yadavas of Devagiri, who flourished in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries A.D. Jaitrapala, whose name seems to have occurred at the end of line 9, is probably identical with the homonymous king who was the father of Simhana. The names of Rudra, the kings of Andhra and Chola in ll. 7-8, seem to have occurred in the course of the description of Jaitrapāla's victories; for we know from the introduction to Hēmādri's Vratakhandat as well as from the Paithan plates and other Yadava grants that Jaitrapala killed the Kakatiya king Rudra. This latter king is in some places called the king of Andhra. We can therefore unhesitatingly identify the kings mentioned here with the Yadava kings of Devagiri kingdom of the Yadavas extended in the East as far as Lanji in the Balaghat District is known from a stone inscription of the dynasty found at Lanjia which mentions the Yadava king Ramachandra.

We know from other records that Sirhhana was succeeded by his grandson Krishna, but his name does not occur in the extant portion. We can, however, conjecture that he must have been described in line 15, which speaks of a king having made the earth forget its grief due to separation from Simhana. The names of Krishna's brother Mahadeva and his short-lived son Amana may have been omitted in the present record. As no successor of Ramachandra has been mentioned here, it seems that the inscription was put up during his reign. It may, therefore, be referred to the last quarter of the thirteenth century A. D.

As the kings mentioned in the present inscription are thus proved to be of the Yadava dynasty of Devagiri and no inscriptions of the Kalachuris are found in the Marathi-speaking districts of the Central Provinces, Kielhorn's view that the Kalachuri year commenced in the month of Asvina cannot be supported by any usage current in the territory round Nagpurs.

The mutilated condition of the inscription makes it difficult to say what it was intended to record. But the fact that the genealogy of a personage named Raghava is given in lines 16 and 17 where he is also said to have been entrusted by Ramachandra with the government of his whole empire combined with the statement in I. 63 that this Raghava felt gratified on doing something seems to show that the object of the inscription was to record some service rendered by Raghava to the deities at Ramtek-perhaps some repairs done to the temple of Lakshmana where the inscription is put up. Maideva, who is mentioned in Il. 70-71, seems to have been a local official in charge of the work.

The hill on which the main temples of Rama and Lakshmana are situated is called Sinduragiri and Tapamgiris (for Tapogiri) in the present inscription. The tradition about the former

[·] Cf. निक्रंगाधियते: प्रशोर्वश्रसमं रीट्रस रीट्राकृत:

कला पृश्वमेधयक्रविधिना लव्यक्तिलीकीकय: ॥४२॥ See R. G. Bhandarkar's Early History of the Decean, Appendix C. 2 Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 316.

^{*} See Hiralal-Inscriptions, etc. (Second Ed.), p. 20. Lanji is about 100 miles north by east of Nagpur. Hiralal remarks that 'some passages of this record correspond exactly to those given in the Hamtek Lakshmana temple inscription . We have examined the Lanji inscription in the Nagpur Museum, but have failed to notice

^{*} As a matter of fact Colebrooke was mistaken in supposing that the year commenced in Nagpur in the month of Asvina. As shown elsewhere (above, Vol. XXIV, p. 122), the era current at Nagpur in Colebrooke's days was the so-called Salivahana or Saka era, its months were and sig and the year commenced in Chaitra and not in Asvina. For the commencement of the Kalachuri year, see above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 116 ff.

In the larger Sind@ragiri-mahatmya the name occurs in the correct form Tapogiri,

name was apparently given in line 23 which is partly mutilated. What remains of it is, however, sufficient to show that the hill was called Sindūragiri, because it was reddened by the blood flowing from the breast of Hiranyakaśipu which was torn by Narasimha with his sharp claws. There are two temples on the hill containing huge images of the man-lion incarnation of Vishnu. As conjectured by Cousens¹ the name Sindūragiri may have been originally given to the hill because of its red stones which when broken or newly dressed appear blood-red. The second name of the hill Tapamgiri (for Tapōgiri, penance-hill) which occurs in this very form in one of the Sindūragiri-māhātmyas owes its origin to the tradition that Sambūka, a Sūdra ascetic, practised penance here. He was afterwards killed by Rāma with his sword called Chandrahāsa. But, the Māhātmya says, he asked for three boons from Rāma, viz., that his mortal remains should be transformed into a linga in situ, that Rāma should live on the hill for ever and that he himself should be worshipped before Rāma. In accordance with this, pilgrims first worship the linga, now called Dhūmrēśvara, situated on the southern plateau of the hill outside the citadel, before they proceed to the temples of Rāma and Lakshmaṇa. The story of Sambūka is given in line 45 of the present record, which mentions the linga Dhūmrāksha.

The story of Sambūka occurs also in the Rāmāyaņa of Vālmīki. It would, therefore, be interesting to see how far the topography of the place where Sambūka was practising penance suits Ramtek. According to the Epic the Sudra ascetic was engaged in austerities on the bank of a large lake to the north of the mountain Saivala.2 This mountain is not mentioned anywhere else. But from the Rāmāyana itself we learn that a king named Danda was ruling over the territory between the Vindhya and Saivala mountains.3 His rape of a Brahmana girl led to the devastation of the country measuring a hundred yojanas round the Saivala mountain and this country came consequently to be known by the name of the Dandaka forest.4 This Danda or Dandakya is called Bhōja elsewhere5 and it is well known that the Bhōjas were ruling over Vidarbha. So the site of Sambūka's penance must have been situated in Vidarbha to the south of the Vindhya mountain. The Rāmāyana tells us that after killing Sambūka, Rāma went in his aerial car to the hermitage of Agastya which was situated not very far from the Godavari, but it gives us no idea of the distance between the site of Sambūka's penance and the hermitage of Agastya. Still the description in the epic shows clearly that the former lay somewhere in ancient Vidarbha between the Vindhya mountain and the Gödävarī. The description in the Rāmāyana of the site. of Sambūka's penance suits Rāmṭēk where there is a large tank at the foot of the hill. As there is no hill in Vidarbha where there is such a tradition connecting it with Sambūka's penance, it would not be wrong to identify Rāmṭēk with the Saivala mountain.7

* From 35 to 45 abstract are lost at the end of It 4-7.

¹ P. R. A. S., W. C. for 1904-05, p. 41, para. 127.

² Rāmāyaņa, Uttarakānda, adhyāya 75, verses 13-14.

³ Ibid., adhyāya 79, verse 16.

⁴ Ibid., adhyāya 81, verse 8.

⁵ See Kautilya's Arthaśāstra, adhyāya 1, prakarana 3.

⁶ Rāmāyana, Uttarakānda, adhyāya 76, verses 16-20.

⁷ The larger Sindūragiri-māhātmya mentions Mahāśaivala as a name of the hill at Rāmṭēk in addition to the two names noticed above, and explains it as being due to Siva bringing the Saivas to the hill. According to the colophon the Māhātmya has been taken from the Kaumārakhanḍa of the Padmapurāṇa; but the portion dealing with Sambūka's story seems to have been copied verbatim from the Rāmāyaṇa of Vālmīki. We have not been able to trace the Kaumārakhanḍa in the printed edition of the Purāṇa. Still this description corroborates our inference that Saivala was one of the old names of the hill at Rāmṭēk. For the identifications of the tīrthas mentioned here see Ind. Ant., Vol. XXXVII, pp. 202 ff.

TEXT.

1 .	····· च्या · · · · · मवासु · · · ·
	••••• स्तत्वे(चे)न • • • •
	· · · · · देवासुरोर[ग°] · · · · वचितो · · · · ·
	STATE OF THE PARTY
4 .	· · · · · ° का: सुकविसार्थपथि प्र[विष्टः * १] ° · · · · · · विषो-
	वज्ञाभ
5 .	• • • • बुस्मः ॥ ततोभृद्यादवो वंगः • • • • ॥ कि
	वस्यतिऽ[यं य*]दुवंगजः10
0	• • • • • चोषियालव्कालः प्रोद्यदैस्विस्त्र ¹² • • • • • • जंभ-
7	यतुः ॥ भ्वत्रात्वतंत्रविधुम ⁴
III III III	· · · · ¹³ यस्त्रातिभीषणरणांगण · · · · · ¹⁴ मंडलिमदं स्नरित स्न सद्रको • · · · · · · · ·
	· · · · · वीवनानीतलगभुजग् · · · · वसंभाधिप व रे चोड
	विभूष द्धि। धरानायप्रवीध ।।
9	• • • • • ऽिष(खि)लभूपतीनां शिव[स्म १]
	१ । १ । १ । प्राचीका वस्त्र तेता रेक्टरमेप्याः
	महोन्द्रे जैव

¹ From the original stone.

^{*} From 15 to 18 aksharus are lost in the beginning of IL 1-3.

About 25 aksharas are broken off here and in the corresponding portion of il. 1-3.

About 45 aksharas are gone at the end of Il. 1-3.

About 13 aksharus are gone in the beginning of Il. 4-6.

^{*} Metre : Vasantatilakā.

^{*} From 23 to 27 aksharus are lost here and in the corresponding portion of IL 5-6.

^{*} From 35 to 45 absharus are lost at the end of Il. 4-7.

^{*} Metre : Anushfubh.

¹⁰ Metre : Indravajrā.

¹¹ Read चांचिपाल: काल:. [See above, p. 8, n. 1.—Ed.]

¹¹ Metre : Salini.

²³ About 15 aksharas are lost in the beginning of Il. 7-14.

¹⁴ From 18 to 22 aksharas are broken off here and in the corresponding portion of IL 8-14.

¹⁸ Metre : Sardilacitridita.

¹⁷ About 5 aksharas are lost at the end of Il. S-14.

³⁴ Metre : Upčadravajra.

10 र्यदसप्रभिन्नप्रतिभटविका [मौक्ति*]-
कौषीर्गगनमिव सतारं संध्यया स ³ [क]रोत्कराणां सौंदर्य
TIM PROFILE
11
निह्नतोत्कटप्रतिभटेभकुंभद्दयी पटुद्यु (?) कसुक्ताच्छलात् ।
त्रमु[च्च]
12 महीरुइस्य यशसा चं[द्र]
वाचस्रते: । 'तेजोभिर्दिनकदुचामपि इठादा[धि]क्य द्रालय-
भोगभूमिरभवत्वाल
THE PROPERTY IS IN
13 [घ]णदेवनामा ⁷ गुणाभि [॥*] ⊻ — ∪ —
— U — चंडकोटंडमुत्तैः शितकांडदंडै°विष(ख)खितारता U — U
देहवं(खं)डैरमंडि चितिराहवस्य ⁹ ॥
14 [सा]साद्य शान्तिं परमामवाप 16 ।
जगतीं चितीय: । ग्राम्म(स) विश्वामतक्स्ततो यष्फलेग्रहि ¹⁰ र्याचक-
पचिपंतो: ॥ 11धराचक्रां भांत्वा त्य(चि)दश् ।
15
[॥*] अपारसंसारससुद्रसारैर्थेश:सुधीवैर्वसुधा यदीयै: श्रीसं हणची शिपतेर्वियोगतापं
जहो ¹³ [॥]च ¹⁴
16 [म*]हीतले ॥ वायिनायक इति चमातले नि
८ — ८ ८ ५ हाणीयर । तस्त्र सक्त्रजीकविण्यी न
व्ययानरः । तज्यातः चनाववानावन्ता न नुतः
कचिदपौह यत्समः ॥ तस्याप्ययं राघवदेव[नामा] 16
¹ Metre: Mālinī. ² Metre: Mālinī.
1 Metre: Mālinī. 2 Metre: Mālinī. 3 Metre: Vasantatilakā. 4 Metre: Anushtubh.
5 Metra · Prithri
• Metre : Sardulavikridita.
Metre: Upēndravajrā.
• Read । अतकाडदड: । विखास्ड -
* Metre: Upajāti.
11 Metre : Sikharinī.
12 From 20 to 24 aksharas are lost in the beginning of ll. 15-20.
13 The metre of this verse is irregular. The first hemistich is in Upëndravajrë.
14 From 5 to 8 aksharas are lost at the end of Il. 15-20.
18 Metre: Rathöddhatā.
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17 [गु]णगीरवप्रणयिनं श्रीरामचंद्रः प्रभुर्य साम्बाज्यसस्वि- संदर्श्यः पात्रं विधाय त्रियः । क्रोडोद्यानतलेऽषि(खि)लोज्यलकलालीलाग्रह-
स्त्रीजनालाप ¹
18
वे के द्या जै
19
20
21
22 वायुप्त्रयुक्तो वसत्युक्तमयोगिचित्त्यः । महोधरस्यास्य तपॅगिरेस्तं प्रभावमद्यं किसुदाहरामि ॥ विहाय में
23 साद्य रवृद्दश्य ॥ प्रागच देवी तृश्वरि: सुरारेबिं(बिं)भेद वश्व: करजै: शिताग्रै: । तद्रकपूराविशतस्ततोऽयं
24 [स]णकथां सींदर्यसारै: पुनस्तदहत्वसम् ह(ह)हस्प्रतिसमोऽप्यन्थो हि जानाति कः ॥ पपौ ससुद्रं चुनुकेन यस्तं सुनी[श्र ?]°

* Metre : Indravajeā.

¹ Metre : Sardalavikridita.

Motro: Vasantatilaka.

⁴ Motro : Anushfubh.

Metre: Upajāti.

^{*} From 29 to 34 oksherus are gone in the beginning of Il. 21-25.

Metre of this and the next verse : Anuelfuble,

^{*} From 9 to 11 aksharas are lost at the end of il. 21-25.

^{*} Metre: Upčadravajra.

Metre: Festeroulel.

25 ि मने मार्च कर्मा कर्म कर दतीह
कीर्र्यते ॥ श्रीरामाय मुनीश्वरः कलश्रभूर्मध्येसमं व्र(ब्र)ह्मणः श्रुत्वैतस्य
गिरे; प्र[भाव*]¹ कार
26 विलोक्य सादरं जन्तुर्मुचाते व्र-
(ब्र) ह्म हत्यया ³ ॥ गोविप्रवा(बा)लप्रमदावधादिपापौघपूर्णा अ ⁴
27
ये कुळंन्ति राची रष्ट्रनन्दनाग्रे । तर्पगिरी जागर[गं*]
28 मराधिकाभै: ॥ घंटेश्वरं चैव सुधेश्वरं
च केदारमीशं च तथांजनियं(यम्) । दारिश्वरं
29 [म*] ज्यनेन दुरितं निर्धूय वं(बं) धच्छिदा
स्वाच्छंद्यं मनुजा भजंति भवने भर्गस्य यत्तत्परं(रम्) ॥ म
मान्य कराया है। इस स्थापन कर्म स्थापन कर्म कर्म कर्म कर्म कर्म कर्म कर्म कर्म
30 प्रभावं शक्तोतिवक्तुं न गुरु: सुराणाम-
न्यस्य ⁷ तत्त्वस्य • • • • • • ⁸ अन्य सम्मान्य
31
भुवनजनतापूज्यपादारविंदं स्नात्वा श्री-
32
32
33
वि(बि)कापतिं(तिम्) । अंवि(बि)कानायसदने याति भोगैकभूमितां(ताम्) ॥
अधिगस्य वर्णतीर्थं कार्क हा विकास कार्याक्षात्र कार्याक्ष

¹ Metre : Śārdūlavikrīdita.

² About 45 letters are gone at the beginning of Il. 26-31. 4 Metre: Indravajrā.

³ Metre : Anushtubh.

⁵ About 9 letters are broken off at the end of ll. 26-29.

Read तपीनिरी Metre: Upajāti.

⁷ Read सुराणाम् । अन्यस्त.

⁹ Metre : Sragdharā. 8 About 20 aksharas are gone here.

¹⁰ From 50 to 60 aksharas have been lost in the beginning of ll. 32-33.

- 35 क्यै: ॥ ती[र्य] नृसिंहस्य कर्य[चि*]दाद्यै: पु[ख्यै:*] समासाद्य विग्रह्जमूर्त्तै: । नरस्य लोकत्य(चि)तये करस्यं किमीपितं नास्ति दुरापमन्यै: ॥ अष्टमे च कुरुचेचनान्ति तीर्यवरं नरः । निमन्य(ज्य) व्र(व्र)ह्महत्यादिस्जा ग्रही
- 36 जित् ॥ तीर्थपंचकिमहाचलराजे यित्रलोकिविदिते विदि[ता]स्थं(स्थम्) । तत्रभाव-कथने न समर्थो देवसार्थगुक्रस्ति न सोऽपि ॥ लच्मीतीर्थं तेषु मुख्यं दुरापा लच्मीन स्थाबाज्ञतां यत्र तूर्ग्णं(र्ग्णम्) । यावज्ञीषं पातकोङ्गृतिहितुप्रोद्य[दु]प्यो(:स्त्रो)-द्रेकदारिद्यभाजां(जाम्) ॥
- 37 किं इंसतीर्थस्य तथा प्रभावः प्रभूतपुर्श्वोच्च(च्च)लकेतनस्य । व्या[स्था]यते यच्चलपानतोऽपि इंसी इदिस्थी विमलत्वमिति ॥ व्योचक्रतीर्थमिहमानममानमुर्थाः
 गुर्वी प्रवक्तुमपि कस्य नरस्य शक्तिः । यस्य स्वयं भगवता इरिणा स्वचक्रं
 रचार्थमुद्यतमकाल्प
- 38 सुदर्शनाखं(ख्यम्) ॥ स्नात्ना धनुस्तीर्थजले धनुस प्रदाय हेमादिकतं खगत्या। नरो विदूरीकतपापराभि: स्रीमार्कपाण: सदनं प्रयाति ॥ तीर्थे पितृणां पिछतीर्थ- नामि स्नात्ना च कत्वा पिछतर्पणादि । कोटिं पितृणां नियतः(तं) पवि- नीकत्ये(त्यै)ति दिश्यं हि पदंपितृ-
- 39 णां(णाम्) । गिररपाचां दिशि वाजिमेधतीर्थं समर्थेऽखिलतीर्थसार्थात् । नरी निमज्जागनया समेतस्तनभवानाग्र लमेत धन्यान् ॥ या ररच कलि-कालतो बलादर्ममूर्मिकरपंकजैनेदी । सा तथास्त्र कलिपेति विश्वता संनिधी कलिमलं हरत्वलं(लम्) ॥ सुरनदी च सुरीध-

* Metre: Upajāti.

¹ About a dozen aksharas may have been lost here.

² Metre : Giti.

Bead यच्छुकतीर्थ-

⁴ Metre of this and the next verse: Upajāti.

⁵ Metre : Anushfubh.

Metre : Svagata.

⁷ Metre : Salini.

⁹ Metre: Vasantatilakā.

¹⁰ Metre : Indravajrā.

¹¹ Metre: Rathoddhata.

- 40 समाश्रिता निकटतीऽस्य वहत्यचलस्य सा । स्रानिकेतनभोगसम्हिदा सक्वदिवाच-मनादिक्कतां नृणां(णाम्) ॥ कलिपास्रानदांवु(वु)संगादंगार्क्कजांवु(वु)नीः । संगं न गणयंत्युचैर्मनुख्य(ख)मुनिदेवताः ॥ नायर्थमस्मिन्मणिकालकुं तीर्थोत्तमे प्राप्य समस्तिसद्वीः ।
- 41 प्राप्नीति मर्त्यः खलु मुक्तिरस्य प्रसादतः साऽिष न दूरसंस्थाः ॥ [मो] चकुंडं समासाद्य दच(चि)णस्यां महीस्तः । दुर्ज्ञभोऽिष भवेन्सोचः सुलभः प्राणिनां चणात् ॥ श्रीरामतीर्थं यदिहास्ति तीयं साचात्सदर्यप्रवितप्रभावं(वम्) । तस्या- प्रतिप्रोज्ञवपुन्य(ख)राशिष्फलप्रदाताः दशकंधरा-
- 42 रि: । एकादशीवासरवासभाजां तीर्थे श्रभार्थे दशकंठश्रनोः । मुक्तिर्वराकी करपंज-रस्था करोति सेवां ग्रहसारिकेव ॥ यत्कार्त्तिके मासि नरी निमज्य(ज्जार) श्रीरामतीर्थे दशकंधरारिं(रिम्) । भक्त्या प्रपथ्यत्र शरीरकोशे कौटत्वमायाति तदन्त-राक्षां ॥ सक्तद्रामगयाश्रादं गिराविह क-
- 43 रोति य:। लभन्ते पितरस्तस्य मुितमत्यन्तदुर्ज्ञभां(भाम्) ॥ श्रीरामचंद्रस्य समीपतोऽस्ति सिंदूरवापो सक्ततप्रपा सा । यस्या विश्वदेन विलोकनेन विजित्य नाकं समुपैति मुितं(क्तिम्) ॥ कर्पूरवापो सक्ततप्रवाहपूरेण पूर्णा किसु वर्णनीया। देवस्य सीतादियतस्य पार्खे दास्यं हि यस्याः कुरुतिऽपि
- 44 मुक्तिः ॥ काशो नोज्जयिनी न चापि मधुरा नी द्वारका नो पुरी तद्वत्पृष्ध-भरं प्रयच्छित दृणां वासेन नित्यायुषा । यद्वद्वासरमेकमष्टिति(?)क्ततां सिंदूर-भूमीधरः श्रीरामस्य पदारविंदयुगलस्पर्शेन सर्व्वोत्तमः ॥ जगन्मंगलमाधत्ते यस्य कुंभद्वयी स्नृता । गजिन्द्रवदनः
- 45 साचादवास्ते रामकांचया ॥ श्रास्ते धर्मीश्वरो नित्यं स रामस्य गिराविष्ठ । पीडितं किलना धर्मी यः क्रपालुरपालयत् ॥ श्रीरामचंद्रस्य करेण चंद्रहा- साहतः प्राप्य पदं पुरारः । स शम्बु(स्बु)कः श्रुद्रमुनिर्महौध्रराजिऽच धूम्बाच इति प्रसिद्धः ॥ पश्चित्त मुक्तीश्वरनामधेयं श्रिवं शिवा-

¹ Metre : Drutavilambita.

Metre : Anushtubh.

³ Metre : Upajāti.

⁴ Read राभी: फलप्रदाता .

⁵ Metre of this and the next verse: Upajāti.

Metre: Indravajrà.

⁸ Metre of this and next verse : Anushtubh.

⁷ Metre : Śārdūlavikrīdita.

Metre of this and the next three verses : Upajāti.

- 46 नायमिकाचलेंद्रे । शिववतस्थाः शिववासरे ये शिवत्वमायांति शिवालये ते ॥
 गोपीजनानंदसमुद्रपूर्व्यचंद्रो विनिद्रोज्य(ज्ज्ज)लपद्मनेचः । गोपालसृर्त्तिजंगदेकसूक्तिर्व्यसत्यसावच धराधरेंद्रे ॥ यतीव तेजःप्रसरप्रतप्तं जगत्ममर्थं क्रपया ररच ।
 योऽयं चतुर्थोऽवतरोऽज्यतस्य त्री-
- 47 मानृसिंहोपि वसत्वसुषिन् ॥ सप्तांभोनिधिपूरदूरिपहितां वि(वि)भवरां देष्ट्या योऽयं भाति सरोजिनीदनिभी दन्तेन यदक्षयन् । यं रोमान्तरगुप्तवास-स्विनो देववयस्तुष्टुवृष्कत्यानो दशकंधरारिसदने सोऽवादिकोनः प्रभुः ॥ धन-न्यलभ्यामतुलां सपर्यां नित्यं
- 48 परित्यच्य सहिन्द्रतां(ताम्) । श्रीमानृपयांतिरधोपि पुत्रप्रीत्या वसत्यत्र गिरीन्द्रसानी ॥ सतौ श्रीरासचंद्रस्य गिरी कुश्तवावित्र । द्वाते कल्पवचर्त्वं भितिभाजां जगत्य- भूष् ॥ सातरीऽश्री सहासिदिनासधियोपलिक्ताः । अत्र तिष्ठति भक्तानासिष- मादाष्टकप्रदाः ॥ कल्पान्ते कवली-
- 49 वरीति सक्तं चैनोक्यमत्पेतरज्यानाजानकरानकानवदनो यध्कान्तिकाकेलिभूः? । सिन्दूराचलभीचणं चणमपि चीणान्यवाससृहः चीरामसृहया करोति भगवान्तिं वा सहाभैरवः ॥ पंचास्यं चंद्रमौतिं दमभुजमुदयत्कोटिभानूयभामं अर्च वचा
- 50 सिवरग्रधनु:गूलव(ख)इंगण्डसं(स्तम्) । इत्पद्मे भक्तलोकाभयवरदकरं चिन्तयन्धं नरः स्थान्नेलोक्ये सिडिसन्नाइसित पवननः सोऽत्र रामैकस्त्यः ॥ भालां पुष्पमयौ-सिव चितिसिमां वि(वि)भ्राच्छिरोभिर्विभुः यौरामावतरं हरः सहचरः शंखोऽ-प्यांखासकः । भारते सोऽ[च] स-
- 51 सस्तभक्षजनतातत्त्वभोवांच्छि(छि)तं संयच्छन्ज(छ)नकाधिराजतनयानायांतिकं लच्मणः १॥
 यत्रासस्तरणात्रयाति निवि(खि)लः पापादिरुचैः चयं या विश्वेकपतिव्रताध्वनि
 गुरुदैवौ दयैकापगा । या शापेन निनाय सस्त्रकाणिकाभूयं न संकापति
 कत्तों से दयिताऽस्ति

* Metre of this and the following verse : Anushtubh,

Perhaps denset is intended here. [This reading would involve a sandhi with the proceding word which would spoil the metre. I would suggest dolars-lobe danting yadean-nayon as the intended reading.—Ed.]

^{*} Read सुद्द: कलान.

³ Metre : Bardülavikridita.

^{*} Read योमान्यः पंक्रिस्यो-

^{*} Metre : Upojdti.

^{*} Read य: वालिका-.

^{*} Metre : Sragdhara.

^{*} Metre of this and the next verse: Sardalavikridita.

- 52 नाग्रमिति साध्यत्रास्ति रामान्तिके ॥ इडाचर्नेद्रे दग्रकंठग्रवीर्व्वनोका सूर्ती: खनु

 प्रतः । परत्र काले न करोति भीति कातास्तम(?) संद्वतिघीरसूर्नें: ॥ भन्न्या महत्या प्रशुमादिरामं जगत्राष्ट्रा (खा) रामतन् निरीक्ष । नरः
 सुरेंद्रादिकरोपनीतपूजाग्रम्पान्त्वम् पैति नि-
- 53 त्यं(त्यम्) ॥ त्रो[भो]गराममभिरामतनं निरीच्य चोणावि(व्यि)लाघसरणिः घरणे सुरारेः । भोगा[नभंगुररसा]न्धृचिरं विचिचान्प्राप्नोति कल्पग्रतमल्पितदेवराजः । दृष्टा प्रक्रष्ट- महिमानमनन्तभक्त्या तं गुप्तरासमितगुप्तपदं च किंचित् । प्राप्नोति यत्तदिह किं ननु देवरा[जो] —
- 54 तहुक्रयांगिरसोऽपि सीऽपि ॥ श्रीग्रंखरामं प्रणिपत्व मर्त्वः पदं समध्येति हि शंख-पाणः । विश्वतभावेन हृदा महेंद्रमुख्यादिदेवैरभिवंद्यमानः ॥ जगन्महानंदिन-दानमीशं श्रीमैधिनीलक्ष्मणदेवयुक्तं(क्रम्) । श्रीरामदेवं प्रणिपत्य मूर्द्का नमस्करिस्थे-(खे)त्यतरैर्व्व[चोभिः] ॥
- 55 देव त्रीरह्मनंदन छ(चि)जगतामदैतवादमभी भास्त्रदंशमहाविभूषणभणे कारुखरब्राकर । चैलोक्शारिदशास्त्रकंठदशक्तकदेरीजमत्याणये पा — — — — त चैलोक्शारिचे नमः । देव जीरससुद्रसांद्रलहरी[र्नि]र्मध्य ह्रत्जीर्त्तये तत्ताहगण — —
- 56 ०० विश्वेक्सर्च नमः । श्रीरामाय इनूमदादिवदनांभीजकावंडप्रभाभर्च श्रीजनकचितींद्रतनयानंदैक[कं]दाय च ॥ देव त्वां स्पुरदुषशीषण ० — —

 ० — — दारचटुस्रुतिप्रशमितक्रोधं नमस्तुर्भे । तत्का[ला]पवितिक्रियार्थमिलिताशिषास्व — ०

¹ Metre of this and the following verse : Upajani.

Metre of this and the next verse: Vasantusilaha.

^{*} Metre of this and the next verse : Upajdii.

^{*} Metre of this and the next seven verses : Sanitalavikridita.

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59 चोभुजां तेजसां(साम्) । कुर्बाण जगदिष्टवृष्टिमसृतासारां भवोन्माथिनीं —— प्राथितट- प्रभाक	THE .	विव त्वां क र णा
ि प्रतिष्ठं विभुं कुंभोडूतसुनौखरेण भगवन्वंदे मुदे नित्यग्रः ॥ देव त्वां पुरुषं पुरातनमजं तत्त ○──०००००००००००००००००००००००००००००००००००	59	चोभुजां तेजसां(साम्) । कुर्वाण जगदिष्टवृष्टिमसृतासारां भवोन्माथिनीं — प्रार्थितट-
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- ○ - ○ - ○ - [1*] ○ ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○ - ○	60	प्रतिष्ठं विभुं कुंभोद्भृतमुनौखरेण भगवन्बंदे मुदे नित्यम: ॥ देव त्वां पुरुषं
८० 61 रामरेवं य स्तौति मर्लः पविचिधोः । सिंदूराचलमौलिखं भजते तस्य य ० ८० </td <td>· 司司</td> <td>[I*]</td>	· 司司	[I*]
८ वा । बाखो वा(बा)लससुद्र एष विलसद्देवालयालीमिल ० जलो जले- व्यक्तां देवा ० - ० - ० - ० - ० व्यक्तिं। देवा ० - ० - ० - ० - ० - ० - ० - ० - ० - ०	-five	
62 ल: । ब्रास्ते वा(बा)लससुद्र एष विलसद्देवालयालीमिल — — — जलो जले- चणकतां देवा — — — — ² [॥*]	1 300	$ ho^1$ । काग्रीप्रम् $ ho ho$ $ ho$
चणकतां देवा ○ — — ○ — ² [॥*]	- 3177	० प्रप्रप्रप्र प्राः [॥*] ० ० - ० - ० ० ० ० ० ० ० ० ० ० ०
³ धन्य: ॥ समभ्यच्ये नरी भन्न्या न ८८८० – 63 ८८। दुर्लभां लभते कां कां न हि सिद्धिं विग्रुडधी: ॥ — — — — — — — — — — [₁*] — — — — — — — — — — — — —	62	 ─ ─ ─ ─ ─ जलो जले- जला वा(बा)लसमुद्र एष विलसहेवालयालीमिल ─ ─ ─ जलो जले-
○ वराणि तानि देवांग्र ——○○→○── [1*] ——○ —— ○○───────────────────────────────────		अधन्य: ॥ समभ्यचे नरी भक्त्या न ∠ ∠ ∠ ∠ ∠ −
	00	○ वराणि तानि देवांग्र ——○○ — (1*) —— (1*)
भरणं गरीयः श्रीराघवोऽमंस्त कतार्थमुद्यैः ॥5-	(同)	00-0

¹ Metre : Anushtubh.

² Metre : Śārdūlavikrīdita.

³ About 40 aksharas are gone here.

^{*} Metre : Indravajrā.

⁵ Lines 64-75 are too much mutilated to be transcribed here. Lines 69 and 71 mention one Maideva and line 70 has भाइय सलरमुवाच वच: स मैथिलीनायसुष्यति येन में कुर . . which shows that the inscription was intended to record something done by Māidēva by the order of Rāghava—perhaps some repairs to the temple of Lakshmana.

No. 3.-A GRANT OF THE WESTERN CHALUKYA VIJAYADITYA: SAKA 653.

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This set of three copper-plates was presented by the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society to the Archæological Section of the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, and is now exhibited in the Epigraphical Gallery.

These plates have not been published so far nor have they been noticed anywhere. Their authenticity is, however, unquestionable and therefore they are taken up for publication in this journal.

Each plate is $10'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$ in size. The whole grant runs into 45 lines. A circular hole with a diameter of about $\frac{3}{4}''$ is found in all the three plates. There is neither any ring nor any Royal seal attached to the set at present. The first and third plates are written on one side only while the second plate is inscribed on both the sides. As regards **orthography** the record has no peculiarity worth mentioning.

Vijayāditya, the donor of the present grant, seems to have ascended the throne in 618-619 Saka as the Bādāmi Sanskrit and Kanarese inscription is dated Saka 621, in his third regnal year. The present grant was made in his 36th regnal year when 653 Saka had passed. His reign seems to have ended in 654-655 Saka as his son Vikramāditya II issued from Raktapura a grant in his 2nd regnal year in 656 Saka expired.

The donation was made on the full-moon day of Vaiśākha to Bhavasvāmi-Bhaṭṭa of the Viśvāmitra-gōtra, who was well versed in the Vaidika literature and who was the son of Paśupatiśarman and grandson of Yajñaśarman. The donation was of a village (?) in a certain vishaya³. The grant was issued from the victorious camp at Raktapura.⁴

The writer was Niravadya-Punyavallabha. We know that in the reign of Vinayāditya the Mahāsāmdhivigrahika was one Rāma-Punyavallabha.⁵ But in the reign of Vijayāditya there was one Niravadya-Paṇḍita alias Udayadēva-Paṇḍita, a Jaina to whom Vijayāditya granted a village.⁶ Niravadya-Paṇḍita who was of the Mūla-Saṃgha was the spiritual guide of Vinayāditya.⁷

The inscription opens with Svasti followed by a verse in praise of the Boar incarnation of Vishņu. Then it successively refers to the famous Mānavya-gōtra, the descent from Hāritī of the Chalikyas who were guarded by the Seven Mothers, the receipt of a banner bearing the figure

¹ Ind. Ant., Vol. X, p. 60.

² Ibid., Vol. VII, p. 104.

³ [According to my reading of lines 35-37 the name of the village granted would be Tārāvadra which was situated in Tēllād-āhāra, a district in Navasāri-vishaya. I read the portion as follows:—

³⁵ भवस्वासिभद्राय नवसारिविषये तेल्लादाहारी

³⁶ की खंडत्याते ज्ञादपडमत्या विसीमायामा वा मध्य तारा[ब]द्रना-

³⁷ मगाम(मी) वाष्युदामने विजयादित्वेन दत्त: etc.—N. L. R.]

⁴ This Raktapura was a famous place in the times of the Western Chālukya kings. Vinayāditya issued a grant from this place. Cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. VII, p. 112. Vikramāditya II issued one more grant in 656 Saka, cf. ibid., p. 104.

⁵ Ind. Ant., Vol. VI, p. 85.

[†] Ibid., Vol. VII, p. 112. [†] [The late Prof. Pathak has suggested (above, Vol. X, p. 15) that the name Niravadya, which seems to have been a biruda, originally of Vijayāditya, was assumed by the writer of his grants.—N. I. R.]

of a Boar on it through the favour of Vishnu, etc., as found in most of the other grants of this dynasty.

The genealogy begins with Pulakēśi-Vallabha (I)¹ who had purified his limbs with the holy waters at the time of the horse sacrifice performed by him. Then his son, the famous Kīrtti-varman(I) who had defeated the kings of Vanavāsī, is referred to. Then we find mentioned his son Satyāśraya otherwise famous as Pulakēśin (II) who bore the additional titles Mahārājā-dhirāja and Paramēśvara; the last-mentioned title he obtained by defeating Harshavardhana. Then comes his 'favourite' son Vikramāditya (I). Mounted on the back of his favourite steed Chitrakaṇṭha and with only a sword in hand he is said to have retrieved the fortune of his father which had been taken away by the alliance of three kings. He also broke down the power of the Pāṇḍyas, Chōlas, Kēralas and Kalabhras, and made the king of Kāñchī bow down in reverence to him. Then is mentioned Vinayāditya, who is also stated to have subdued the triple alliance. He subdued the kings of Kavēra, Pārasika and Simhala and by defeating the king of the north acquired the emblems of greatness such as the Pālidhvaja, etc.

His favourite son was Vijayāditya-Samastabhuvanāśraya, the donor of the present grant. He secured peace at home while his grandfather carried on wars with the southern kings and he assisted his father in a campaign in the north and going further to the north (more than what his father had done) he acquired for himself the emblems of Gangā, Yamunā, the Pālidhvaja banner and the Dhakkā drum. He was once caught by the enemies but he skilfully contrived to escape and brought peace and order unaided by others in the provinces where disorder reigned supreme for a while.

TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 स्वस्ति [॥*] जयत्याविष्कृतं विष्णोर्जाराहं चाभितार्ण्यवं(वम्) [।*] दचिणोन्नत-दंष्ट्रायवित्रान्तभवन³ वपु: [॥*] सी-
- 2 मतां सकलभुवनसंस्तूयमानमानव्यसगीवाणां सप्तलोकमात्-
- 3 भिस्तमात्मिरभिवर्दितानां कार्त्तिकेयपरिरचणप्राप्तकत्वाणपरंपराणां भगव-
- 4 नारायणप्रसाटसमासादितवराइलाञ्क्रनेचणचणवशीक्रताशेषमहीस्तां
- 5 चिलकानां कुलमलंकरिक्षोरखमधावस्थसानपवित्रीक्षतगात्रस्य स्रीपुलकेशि-
- 6 वज्ञभमहाराजस्य सूनुं ं प्राक्रमाक्रान्तवनवास्यादिपरनृपतिमण्डलप्रणिव-
- 7 इविश्रुद्धकोत्तिः श्रीकोत्तिवर्मपृथिवीवन्नभमहाराजस्तस्यात्मजस्ममर-
- 8 संसत्तासकलोत्तरापधेश्वरश्रीहर्षवर्द्धना पराजयोपात्तपरमेश्वरश्रव्दा-

¹ His title Satyasraya is not given here, unlike in Ind. Ant., Vol. VI, p. 73.

From the original plates.

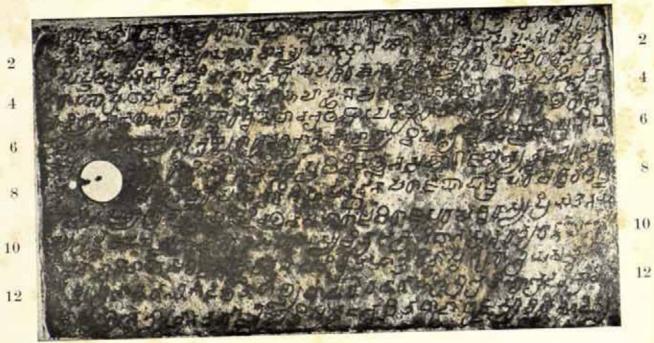
Bead -bhuvanam.

^{*} Read *sya samara. [This emendation is unnecessary as the reading of the text in Il. 8-9 is correctly -paramétivara-tablas-tasya.—Ed.]

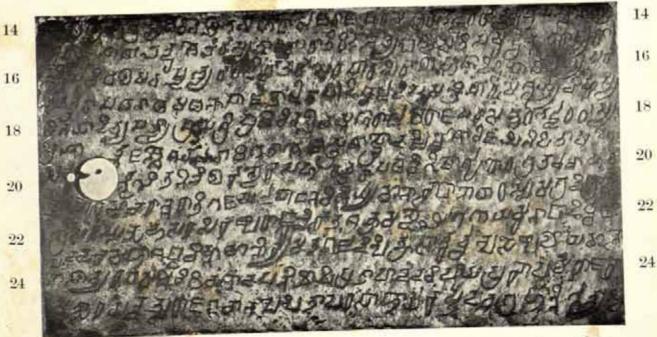
Read bri-Harshavarddhana.

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i.



ii,a.



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SCALE: THREE-FIFTHS.

SURVEY OF INDIA, CALCUTTA.

ii,b.

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- 9 [क्क]स्य सत्यात्रयत्रीपृथिवीवक्कभमहाराजाधिराजपरमेखरस्य प्रियतनय-
- 10 स्य प्रजा[त]नयस्य खड़मात्रसहायस्य चित्रकारहाभिधानप्रवरतुरङ्गमेणै-
- 11 केनैवोत्सारिताशेषविजिगोषोरविनपतिचितयान्तरितां स्वगुरो खियमात्मसा-
- 12 ल्लाख(ला) प्रभावकुलिश्रद्शितपार्ख्यचोळकेरळकळकळम्प्रप्रितभूष्टद्रस्ववि-
- 13 भ्रमस्यानन्यावनतकाञ्चीपतिमुकुटचंबितपादांबुजस्य विक्रमादित्य-

Second Plate; First Side.

- 14 सत्याश्रयश्रीपृथिवीवसभमद्वाराजाधिराजपरमेखरभट्टारकस्य प्रियस्नो 🖂 पि-
- 15 तुराज्ञया बालेन्दुशेखरस्य तारकारातिरिव दैत्यबलमितसमुद्दतं चैराज्यका-
- 16 ज्ञीपतिबलमवष्टभ्य करदीक्षतकमे(वे)रपारसीकसिंहकादिद्दीपाधिपस्य सक-
- 17 लोत्तरापथनाथमथनोपार्जितोर्जितपाकिध्वजादिसमस्तपारमैश्वर्थिचिक्नस्य
- 18 विनयादित्यसत्याश्रयश्रीपृथिवीवस्ममहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वरभद्दारकस्य
- 19 प्रियात्मज्ञश्रीशव एवाधिगताश्रेषास्त्रशास्त्री दिचणाशाविजयिनि पितामहे
- 20 समुद्धालितनिखिलकाएक सह[ति*]कत्तरापथवि[जि*]गीषोर्गुरीरयत एवाइव-
- 21 व्यापारमाचरवरातिगजघटापाटनविशीव्यमाणक्रपाणधारस्ममग्रविग्रहा-
- 22 ग्रेसरस्स[त्सा]इसरसिक ४पराङ्ग्(क्ष्)खीक्षतशत्रुमण्डलो गंगायमुनापाकिध्वज-
- 23 पट[इ*]ढक महाशब्दचिक्नमाणिकामतंगजादीन्पिन्(त्र)सात्मुर्वन्प[रै] ४पलायमाने-
- 24 रासाद्य कथमपि विधित्रशादपनीतोपि प्रतापादेद विषय प्रकीपमराजक-
- 25 मुत्सारयन्वत्सराज इवानपेचितापरसहायकस्तदवग्रहासिर्मात्य ख-

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 26 भुजावष्टंभप्रसाधिताशिषविद्यंभरं प्रभुरखिङ्तश्रित्तचय-
- 27 त्वाच्छन्मदभंजनत्वादुदारत्वाविख्यत्वाद्यसमस्तभुवना-

" Head "generated and

¹ Read oguroh.

³ Read dhakka -.

Fread vishaya -.

² Read samhatira.

^{*} Read od=eva.

- ययसामनपारमैद्धर्थयक्रिहेनुपालिध्वजाय्ञ्व(ज्व)लपाज्य-28
- राज्यो विजयादित्समत्याययश्रीपृथिवीवज्ञभमहाराजाधिरा-29
- जपरमेखरभद्दारजसाव्याचि (न)वमाज्ञापयति विदितसस्त वीस्मा-30
- भि'विषञ्चागदुत्तरषद्(द्य)तेषु शक्ववर्षव्वतीतेषु प्रवर्दमानविजय-
- राज्यसंवसारे यद्विमे वर्त्तमाने रत्तपुरमधिवसति विजयस्कन्धावारे 32
- वैशाखपाँ क्षिमास्यां विकासिवगावाय - वि[द]वेदांगपारगाय
- ज्ञगर्मपोत्राय "पटपतिशर्मपुत्राय सकल'विदितशास्त्रा-
- य भवस्वामिभद्दाय 35 - विषये

Third Plate.

- 36 र्चं — पश्चिम — — । सीमा
- — विजयादित्येन दत्तः तदागामिभिरस्प्रदं-37
- श्रीरम्येय राजभिरायुरैयर्खादीनां विलसितमचिरांग्रचञ्च-
- लमव[ग*]च्छित्रराचन्द्रार्केधरार्णवस्थितिसमकालयशस्त्रिभि[:*] स्वदत्ति-39
- नि[विं]ग्रेषं परिपालनीयमुक्तक्षं भगवता वेदव्यासिन व्यासेन [॥*] 40
- बहुभिर्व्यस्था भुका राजभिन्मगरादिभिर्य(भि: । य) स्थ यस्य य-41
- दा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्) [॥*] सन्दातं समहच्छकां दःसम-42
- न्यस्य पालनं(नम्) [i*] दानं वा पालनं चेति दानाच्छेयोनुपालनं(नम्) [i*]
- स्रदत्तां परदत्तां वा यो इरेत वसुन्धरी(राम्) [1*] षष्टिवर्षसङ्खाणि विष्ठा-
- यां जायते क्रसि: [॥*] यौनिरवद्ययोपुख्यवज्ञभेन लिखितसिदं ग्रासनं [॥*]

¹ Read "bhis=tri".

Reading doubtful. [It is fufer".-N. L. H.]

^{*} Read Pasupati".

^{*} The order of the words in the compound is incorrect.

^{* [}See note 3 on p. 21 .- Ed.]

^{*} Read *yum/uktan-cha.

No. 4.—ELLORA PLATES OF DANTIDURGA: SAKA 663.

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The copper-plates which bear the subjoined inscription of the earliest Rashtrakūta emperor Dantidurga were discovered at Ellora (ancient Éläpura) in Aurangabad District of H. E. H. the Nizām's Dominions. They were handed over to Sir John Marshall by Major Garforth, Under Secretary, Public Works Department, in the year 1921, but originally belonged to a widow lady, by name Mrs. Plunkett, from whom they were subsequently purchased by the Archeological Department. Unfortunately they have somehow remained in oblivion for more than 17 years, until Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit happened to come across them. He has kindly lent them to me for editing, which I am doing under his guidance.

The plates are two in number, each measuring in the middle roughly 6 inches in length and 41 inches in breadth. They are joined together by a copper ring which is oval in shape, being roughly 11 inches in length and 11 inches in breadth. The letters, which are engraved with fair accuracy, vary in size from ith to ird of an inch. The plates are inscribed on one side only, and the engraving is fairly deep, though the letters do not appear on the other side except in a few cases. The edges of the plates are thickened only very slightly, so that the first plate is worn out in the middle of the upper edge though no damage is thereby caused to any letters. The copper ring which joins the two plates together has a seal attached to it, on which appears a winged figure sitting cross-legged. The figure must be of Garuda who usually appears on the Rashtrakūta seals. The language is Sanskrit and the inscription is throughout written in prose, except for the imprecatory and benedictory verses (lines 23 to 28) which are usually found near the end. As regards orthography, it may be noted that the consonant following r is generally duplicated (cf. Dantidurgga, 1. 8; antarggata and vinirggata, II. 13 and 14; Adhearyya, 1. 14; utsarppanarttham, 1. 17). A certain amount of laxity in rules relating to sandhi, etc., is also observable.

The palaeographical peculiarities found in this inscription mark it out from the Rāshtrakūta inscriptions like the Multāl and Tiwarkhēd plates of Nannarāja Yuddhāsura,1 the Bhāndak plates of Krishņarāja It, which, according to Dr. V. S. Sukthankar, have characters belonging to the " Northern class of alphabets". On the other hand, a comparative study of this record with some of the Valabhi and Southern Gujarat plates betrays their closest affinity in palacographical details. Thus the Hao (Broach District) plates of Dadda II-Prasantaraga,2 Prince of Wales Museum plates of Jayabhata,4 Antrôli-Chhārôli plates of Karka II (dated Saka 679)5 and Baroda plates of Suvarnavarsha (dated Saka 734)* bear a much closer resemblance with the present record than the first-mentioned three grants from the Bětůl and Chânda Districts. Special attention may be drawn to the form of the letter & (l. 10), which could easily be mistaken for 'gu' or' I', but is obviously meant to be of the same type as is found in Elapur-achala, etc., of the Barodaplates?.

The object of this inscription is to record the grant of a village called Pippalala in the district of Chandanapuri-eighty-four, to certain Brahmanas originating from Navasārikā, by the Rāshtrakūta prince Dantidurga, son of Indrarāja and grandson of Karkkarāja. The grant was issued

¹ Ind. Ast., Vol. XVIII, pp. 230 ff.; above, Vol. XI, pp. 276 ff.

^{*} Above, Vol. XIV, pp. 121 ff.

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 115 ff.

Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 147 ff.

J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 105 ff.

^{*} Ind. Ast., Vol. XII, pp. 156 ff. Also of, the Valabhi plates illustrated in Ind. Ast., Vol. XIV, facing p. 328 :above, Vols. XI, XIII and XXII, facing pp. 106, 339 and 118 respectively, etc.

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. XII, plate facing p. 158, text l. 14.

from, and probably recorded at, Badarikā-vāsaka, though it was originally made at Elapura (Elapura) by the donor after bathing in the Guhesvara tirtha. Its chief importance, however, lies in the fact that it is the earliest dated record of the Imperial Rāshṭrakūṭa dynasty so far known. The inscription is dated in the (Saka) Samvat 663, Aśvina Suddha trayodaśi, Soma-vāra, According to S. K. Pillai's Indian Ephemeris the date is not regular either for Saka 663 current or for 663 expired. The details cited, however, regularly correspond to Monday, the 17th September 742 A.D., in the Saka year 664 expired. The present inscription, whose authenticity can be borne out by the palaeographical test, is thus dated 12 years earlier than the Samangad plates of Dantidurga, which are dated in the Saka year 675. The genuineness of the latter has been called in question by scholars like Dr. Sukthankars and Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar, who base their arguments mainly on palaeographical grounds, which are, however, 'hardly convincing' to Dr. A. S. Altekar, 'when the difference is only of a few decades.'s One may not perhaps fully agree with Dr. Altekar in his doubts as regards the validity of the palaeographical test, which has always to reckon the district in which the inscription is found, the district in which the grant is given and the personality of the writer; but one cannot set aside the Samangad inscription altogether, especially in view of the possibility that it might have been copied from an earlier and authentic inscription which really gave the correct date of Dantidurga (viz., S. 675). The present record also bears out Dr. Altekar's suggestion that at any rate "there is nothing impossible in Dantidurga being a ruling prince in 753-4 A. D." 1

Another point to be considered is regarding the titles that were borne according to this inscription by Dantidurga and his predecessors, Karka and Indra. All the three bear only feudatory titles, such as Samadhigata-pamcha-mahāsabda and Mahāsāmantādhipati. Thus Dantidurga had not as yet assumed the imperialistic titles which appear in the Samangad plates. No doubt, he bears in this record the title of Prithicivallabha, but that may signify at best his increased importance. It is true that the title Prithereallabha was often borne, along with Śrieallabha, by kings of the Imperial lines of the Chalukyas and the Rashtrakutas; but while the latter title, like the simpler Vallabha, was exclusively a suzerain's title, the former, viz., Prithvivallabha, was borne also by important feudatories. Thus in circa 645 A. D. Chandraditys, the eldest son of Pulakesiin II, is styled Prithivivallabha and Mahārāja. About a century later, i.e., in or before 739 A. D., the same title Prithicicallabha was conferred upon Pulakësin (the repeller of the Tājikas) along with other titles, viz., Avanijanāsraya, Dakshiņāpathasādhāra-Chalukyakulālamkāra, etc., by Śri-Vallabhanarendra who evidently was his suzerain*. Dantidurga also seems to have defeated certain enemies, before 742 A. D., since he is said in this inscription to have obtained victory in many battles. One may therefore suggest that he too was honoured by Sri-Vallabhanarendra with the title Prithivivallabha in recognition of his service in some battles, possibly fought in collaboration with Pulakesi-Avanijanāsraya. The date of the present record is only three years later than the date of Pulakësin's record. The connection of the Rashtrakūța predecessors of Dantidurga with Gujarat is borne out by the fact recorded in the Sanjan and other inscriptions that the mother of Dantidurga (called Bhavaganā in the Bhāndak plates of Krishnarāja)7 was a Chālukya princess who was carried away by Indraraja from Khataka-mandapa in accordance with the Rakshasa form

¹ Ind. Ant., Vol. XI, pp. 110 if.

^{*} Above, Vol. XIV, p. 121, n. 5.

Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 238.

^{*} Rashtraküfas and Their Times, pp. 33-34, footnote 11.

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^{*} Bombay Gazelteer, Vol. I, Pt. I, p. 109, n. 2. Also ef. Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, p. 265, where Nikumbhallaśakti Sendraka a. mes the title Prithivicallabha.

^{*} Above, Vol. XIV, p. 124, text I, 19,

of marriage. Further, the connection of Dantidurga with Southern Gujarāt is perhaps betrayed by the fact that one or probably all of the donees of the present grant hailed from Navasārikā. Lastly, as shown above, close palaeographical examination of this inscription confirms this connection, for the inscription was probably engraved somewhere in South Gujarāt. Thus, there is nothing impossible in Dantidurga helping Pulakēši-Avanijanāšraya, when the Tājikas were penetrating into Dakshināpatha at Navasārikā, though it has to be admitted that this is nothing more than a supposition.

When did this souffle between the Gujarāt Chālukyas and the Tājikas take place? Several scholars have averred that it must have taken place soon after 724 A.D., when Junayd¹ under Caliph Hisham carried raids into the dominions of the Hindu kings. But it seems to me that the Chālukyan skirmishes with the Tājikas did not take place before 731 A.D., since Pulakēši-Avanijanāšraya who claims for himself the credit for repulsing the Tājikas, did not come to the throne till after A.D. 731, for an inscription of Vijayāditya Janāšraya Yuddhamalla Mangalarāja, the elder brother of Pulakēšin, is dated in that year. Pulakēšin must have, therefore, encountered the Arabs sometime between 731 A.D. and 739 A.D., i.e., probably in the reign of Vikramāditya II who ruled from 733 A.D. to 746 A.D. Thus Vikramāditya was probably the Śrī-Vallabhanarēndra who conferred titles on both Pulakēšin and Dantidurga. The assumption of the title Prithivīvallabha and the biruda Khadqāvalōka on the part of Dantidurga shows, at any rate, that he had materially added to the dignity and prestige of the Rāshṭrakūṭas before this grant was issued; while the issue of a land grant itself shows a certain amount of independence enjoyed by Dantidurga.

Dantidurga must have required some time to achieve victory in many battles as is claimed by him in the present record, or at least to add to the dignity and prestige of the family, as is indicated by the assumption of additional, if not higher, titles. Hence, Dantidurga's career probably began some time before 742 A. D. This would probably invalidate Dr. Altekar's supposition that Indra I married the Châlukya princess Bhavagaṇā in or after 725, when he "very probably served in this campaign (against the Valabhī king) as one of the feudatories of the Châlukya king (Mangalarasa)". Another statement of Dr. Altekar that "Nanna Guṇāvaloka, a younger brother of Indra I, was still alive in 792 A.D., as the Daulatabad plates show ",4 also needs correction, since it is nowhere told in the original record that Nanna was still alive at that date, though his son who issued the grant was then certainly living. Hence, the dates suggested for Dantidurga and his ancestors by Dr. Altekar have to be revised in the light of this record and the suggestions made above and we have perhaps to assign the following approximate dates to Dantidurga and his ancestors:—

Dantivarman (A.D. 615-40).

Indra-Prichchhakarāja (640-65).

Gōvindarāja (665-90).

Karka I (690-715).

Indra I (715-35).

Dantidurga (A.D. 735-57); known dates, A.D. 742 and 754.

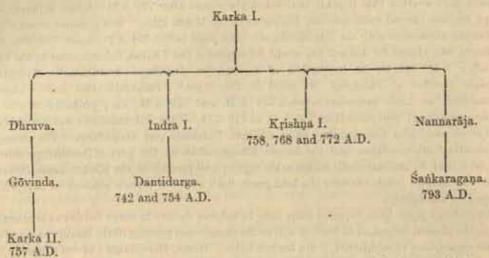
Elliot: History of India, Vol. I, pp. 125-26.

See J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 5.

^{*} Altekar, Räshfrakülas and Their Times, p. 32.

^{*} Ibid., p. 10. See above, Vol. IX, pp. 195 ff.

Consideration of the above facts would make it clear that the suggestion of Dr. Bhagwanlal Indraji about the identity of Karka I of Antroli-Chhāroli plates with the grandfather of Dantidurga is more probable than Dr. Altekar is disposed to agree. According to him, "the drawback in this theory is the necessity of assuming that Dhrava, Govinda and Karka II were, all of them, the eldest sons of their parents." This is because he would assign later dates to the predecessors of Karka I, and would place Nannarāja in 793 A.D., when he probably did not exist. Thus the various branches of the Rāshṭrakūṭa family emanating from Karka I may be shown with their known dates as follows:—



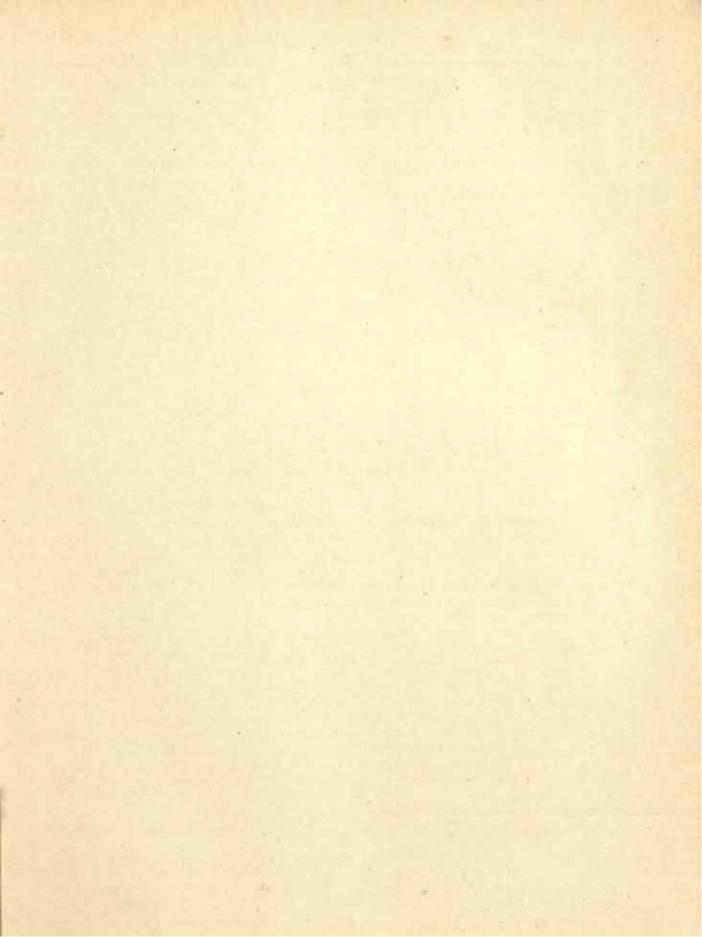
As stated already, the palaeography shows a close similarity between the letters of this record and those of the Antroli-Chharoli record of Karka II, which favours Dr. Bhagwanlal's hypothesis. Dr. Altekar, however, tries to connect the line of Dantidurga with Nannaraja Yuddhasura of Multar and Tiwarkhad plates, which palaeographically differ from the present grant.

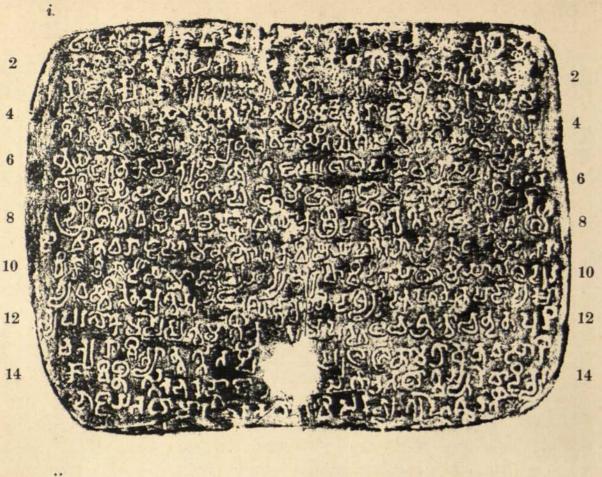
A verse in the Sămangad plates possibly connects early activities of Dantidurga with the Mahi and the Reva as also with the Mahanadi. But this does not necessarily show that he was connected with the Räshtrakutas of Berär. He might have led an expedition and gained a victory on the bank of the Mahanadi. As regards Dantidurga's revolt against the Vallabha it is possible to hold that it did not take place till the death of Vikramaditya II who had bestowed on him the title Prithivicallabha, while the accession of Kirtivarman II in circa 747 A.D. probably gave an impetus to his desire to catch hold of the royal sceptre, which he did, according to the Dasavatara cave, Samangad and many other inscriptions, by means of danda or dandabala. In view of this definite statement of the use of force, it is difficult to agree with Dr. Altekar's suggestion that 'the overthrow of the Chālukya emperor was brought about by strategem or treachery.'s The very fact that Kirtivarman II was alive at least upto 757 A. D. shows that very probably there was no intrigue against him, but that he was defeated in a regular battle by Dantidurga, who had raised the standard of rebellion in consequence of the weakness of the central authority. Another fact that I should mention here is about the reading Sandhubhūpa found in l. 10 of the Dašāvatāra record, which Dr. Bhagwanlal reads as : dandēn-aira jigāya Vallabha-balam yah Sandhubhūp-ādhipam. According to Dr. Altekar, Sandhubhūpa" is obviously a mistake for Sindhubhūpa". But

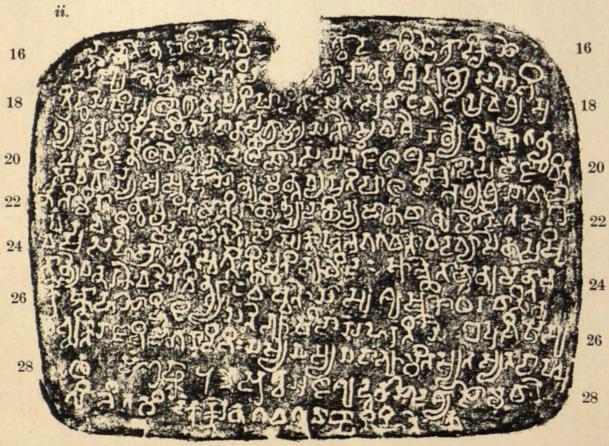
¹ Altekar, op. cit., p. 13.

³ Ibid., p. 39.

^{*} Ibid., p. 30.







then, it would mean that Dantidurga conquered "the overlord of the kings of Sind". The correct reading, so far as I can see from ink-estampages of the Daśāvatāra inscription, kindly supplied by Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, is: dandēn=aiva jigāya Vallabha-nripam (?) yah sarva-bhūp-ādhipam, etc., that is: "He conquered Vallabha, the king of all kings by means of force". We may here note that Ballara "signifies king of kings", according to Ibn Khurdabd, Al-Idrisi, etc., There is thus no question of Dantidurga conquering Sind according to this reading.

Of the localities mentioned in this inscription, Badarikā whence this record was issued probably lies as indicated by the palaeography of the record, somewhere in southern Gujarāt, though an alternative that the writer who inscribed the record might have hailed from that region is not altogether barred out. Navasārikā is the famous Nausārī (Baroda), while Ēlāpura¹ is the famous Ellora, where Dantidurga built the Daśāvatāra cave temple as can be inferred from his inscription found in that cave, and where his successor Kṛishṇa built the Kailāsa temple. As regards the Guhēśvara-tīrtha, which, according to this inscription, seems to be in Ēlāpura, one may suggest that this Īśvara of the cave (guhā) is none else but Ghṛishṇēśvara of Ellora,³ one of the twelve Iyōtir-lingas. Ghandanapuri is the same as the mordern Chandanpuri a small town on the Girna river, three miles to the south-west of Malegaum, and about forty-five miles to the north-west of Ellora while Pippalāla is the same as the mordern Pimpral 12 miles south-east of Chandanpuri, and about 33 miles from Ellora. Since Pṛppala changes into Pimpal in Marāṭhī, there is little phonetic difficulty with regard to the equation Pippalāla=Pimpral. This geographical consideration therefore suggests that the Rāshṭrakūṭa territory included at least the Aurangābād District and parts of Nāsik and Khāndesh Districts as early as 742 A. D.

TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 ॐ खस्ति [।*] बदरिकावासकात्समधिगतपंचमहाशब्दम-
- 2 हासामन्ताधिपतिराष्ट्रकूटान्वयगोचालंकारश्रीकर्क-
- 3 राज[स*]तत्पादानुद्धातपरममाचेश्वरसमधिगतपंचम-
- 4 हाग्रव्दमहासामन्ताधिपतिश्रीमदिन्द्रराजसुत(राजस्तत्सुतो) मेरूमहीधर-
- 5 गिर(? विजर) खिरक्चिरसमुन्ति विकसितयशसि महति स इन्द्रराज्ञा(ज्ञो)-

¹ Elliot's *History of India*, Vol. I, pp. 13, 75, 86, 88, etc. [To me the reading appears to be *Vallabha*[ra]sam. Is arasa here to be taken as the Kanarese form of rāja as in Viṭṭarasa (= Vishṇurāja)?—Ed.]

³ I owe this suggestion to R. B. K. N. Dikshit, as also the reading Élāpura.

Vide: हिमालये तु केदारं घृषोगं तु शिवालये ।

इलापुरीरम्यशिवालयेऽस्मिन् समुक्कसनं च जगहरेख्यम् ।

वन्टे महोदारतरस्वभावं घृषोश्वराख्यं शरणं प्रपृष्की ॥

J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. X, pp. 4-6.

² For the history of its name and the traditions connected with it vide A. S. W. I., Vol. V, p. 26, footnote. I may point out another tradition narrated in the Brahmapurāna, Ch. 108 (Gautami-Māhātmya), according to which Ilapura owes its name to king Ila. The story says that Ila changed his sex on entering the forest called Umāvana due to a curse of Siva and came to be known as Ilā. Wishing to regain her former sex Ilā worshipped Siva on the banks of the river Gautami (Gödāvari) in the forests of Dandaka. She succeeded and hence the town established there came to be known as Ilapura. The tirtha, according to Dr. Bürgess, "was originally at the caves" (A. S. W. I., Vol. V, p. 4).

^{*} Expressed by a symbol.

- 6 न्वये अनेकचातुईन्तगजघटाटोपसमरसंघटल-
- 7 व्यविजयी(य:) समधिगतपञ्चमहाशब्दमहासामन्ताधिपति-
- 8 प्री(पृ)थिवीवन्नभखद्गावला(ली)कत्रादिन्तदुर्भराज: कुशली
- 9 सर्वानेव राजसामन्तभोगिकविषयपतिराष्ट्रकूटमहत्तरा-
- 10 धिकारिकादी[न्*] समान्नापयत्यस्तु वो विदितं यथा मया एल(ला)पुर-
- 11 व्यवस्थितेन याखयुजग्रहचयोदम्यां खहस्तेन पादां(दौ) प्रचा-
- 12 व्य परलोकमपेचलमंगीकला(लोकमपेच्य) महत्पलं च श्रुता चन्दनपुरि-
- 13 चतुराशित्या(रशीत्य)न्तर्गातिपण्लालं नाम ग्राम[:*] नवसारि-
- 14 काविनिगतभरद्वा[ज]सगोच तथाध्वर्युरवादित्य-
- 15 भद्दाय तथा माउल तथा [गो]विसरेभ्य(भ्यो) गुर्हेखरती-

Second Plate.

- 16 र्खस्रातेन बलिचरुवैश्वदेवानिनहोचादिक(क्रि)यो-
- 17 त्मर्पणार्थं मातापित्रोरात्मनश्च पुरवयशोभि-
- 18 व्रि(व्र)द्वये पिप्पलाल ग्राम[:*] प्रतिपादित: यत[:*] श्रचाटभटप्रवेश्य[:*] श्र-
- 19 भ्यन्तरसिंहिक[:*] सर्व्वादानसंग्राह्य[:*] यतोस्र[द्*]वंग्री(श्वै)रन्यैर्वा भोगनृ-
- 20 पतिभि:(भावित्रपतिभोगपतिभि:)³ नलवेणुकदलौसारसंसारजलवुह्दोपमं जीवित-
- 21 मवधार्थ असाहायोनुमन्तव्य[:*] प्रतिपालियतव्यस यो वाज्ञा-

¹The epithet 'anēka-chāturddanta-gaja-ghaţ-āţōpa-samara-samghaṭṭa-labdha-vijayaḥ' is also found in the Khāmkhēḍ plates of the time of Pratāpaśīla, edited by Prof. V. V. Mirashi (Supra, Vol. XXII, p. 95). The letters being partly illegible, the editor has read them as: 'anēka-cha[tu]rddanta-[gaja-ghaṭā] . . . [prāpta*-]vijayaḥ.' [In the Khāmkhēḍ plates there is no room for so many syllables after ghaṭā.—Ed.] But the present record has a greater similarity with the Bagumrā grant of Nikumbhaḷlaśakti Sēndraka (Prithivī-vallabha) than with the Khāmkhēḍ plates. Cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, p. 267:—Mērumahīdhara-vijara-sthira-ruchira-samunnatē vikasita-mahati yaśasi (vikasita-yaśasi mahati) Sēmdraka-rājūām=anvayē naika-chānu(tu)rddanta-gaja-gha[t-ā]tōpa-sama[ra]-sanghaṭṭa-labdha-vijayō, etc. (The reading cited here will be found slightly different from the one given by Būhler.) The writer of our inscription thus seems to have before him a Sēndraka-rājūām=anvayē.' Immediately after he wrote 'sa', however, it seems to have dawned upon him that this deed belonged to the Rāshṭrakūṭas and not to the Sēndrakas. So he inserted an obviously unnecessary word "Indrarājūā(jūō)-nvayē." After stating that Dantidurga belonged to the Rāshṭrakūṭa family and that he was a son of Indrarāja it was certainly not necessary to add that he was a member of Indrarāja's family.

² The letter la is incised below the line. It was evidently omitted at first by mistake and was supplied later on. The $k\bar{a}kapada$ sign over the foregoing $l\bar{a}$ indicates the omission.

³ Bhōgapati is the same as Bhōgika, a governor of a bhukti.

- 22 नितमिरान्धावतमितराक्ति(च्छि)न्द्य।दाक्ति(च्छि)द्यमानं वानुमोदेत स
- 23 पंचिभिमेहापातकै[:*] संयुक्तु(संयुनक्तु) [।*] उक्तं च भगवतो(ता) वेदव्यासेन [।*] षष्टिं
- 24 वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्मि(मी) तिष्ठति भूमिद: [1*] श्राच्छेता(त्ता) चानुमन्ता च
- 25 तान्येव नरके वसि[त्*] ।[।*] विन्ध्याटवीष्वतीयासु गुष्ककोठ(ट)रवासिन[: ।*]
- 26 क्रि(क) प्णाहयो हि जायंते भूमिदायं हरन्ति ये [॥*] बहुभिवेस-
- 27 धा भुक्ता राजिभ[:*] सगरादिभि: [1*] यस्य यस्य यदा भूमि[स्*] तस्य तस्य तदा फ-
- 28 लं(लम्) [॥*] मं ६०० ६० ३ अख्युज ग्रुह चयोदस्यां सोमवारे [॥*]
- 29 लिखितमिदं कुक्रिन(ग) गवंग[वाळ्वा]भिन्तिन(?)

No. 5.—BHIKSHUNIS IN INDIAN INSCRIPTIONS.

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Here I am concerned to put together the evidences which Indian inscriptions bear to the existence of the Buddhist Bhikshuṇī order in India, and to examine how far they tally with the facts that may be gathered from literature and foreign travels.

It may be observed at the outset that the epithet bhikshunī¹ (bhikhunī², bhichhunī³) is nowhere employed in Indian inscriptions to denote a religious woman other than a Buddhist female mendicant, sister or nun as she is usually represented. In rare instances samanikā or pavajitikā is used as the epithet of a Buddhist nun.⁴ This is, however, not to deny that Indian inscriptions are wanting in references to the female members of the Jaina Order, although they are not called bhikshunīs.⁵

The Bhābrū and Schism Pillar Edicts of Aśōka go to prove that the Buddhist community was constituted in the 3rd century B.C., precisely as in the Buddha's time, of bhikshus, bhikshunīs, upāsakas, and upāsikās. The text of Aśōka's ordinance provides against schisms in the Saṅgha fomented by bhikshus as well as bhikshunīs (e chuṁ kho bhikhū vā bhikhuni vā saṅghaṁ bhākhati). Thus the bhikshunīs had at that time to be reckoned with as equally powerful factors in the matter of unity or division in the Buddhist Fraternity.

The information about the *bhikshuṇīs* which may be gathered from Aśōka's edicts may be supplemented by the account of Saṅghamitrā's mission to Ceylon as met with in the *Dīpavaṃsa*

Lüders' List, No. 38 (above, Vol. X, appendix).

² Asōka's Bhābrū and Schism Pillar Edicts; Lüders' List, Nos. 175, 292, 341, 344, etc.

³ Lüders' List, Nos. 163, 168, 183, 187, etc.

M4 Lüders' List, Nos. 1240, 1242, 1315.

⁵ Lüders' List, Nos. 16, 18, 21, 23a, 24, 32, 39, 39a, 45a, 48, 50, 59a, 67, 70, 75, 86, 99, 199, 121.

⁶ Sārnāth Pillar Edict. Cf. also Sāñchī and Kauśāmbī Pillar Edicts.

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and the Mahavamsa. The Dipavamsa informs us that Asoka's son and daughter, Mahandra and Sanghamitra, received the ordination as Buddhist monk and nun in the sixth year of his reign.1 The renowned Dharmapālā was, according to the Mahāvamsa, Sanghamitrā's preceptress (upajjhāyā), and Ayupālā her teacher (āchariyā).2 The brother and the sister, Bhikshu Mahēndra and Bhikshunī Sanghamitrā, both of whom belonged to the Theravada school of Buddhism, were destined to illumine the doctrine of the Buddha even like the sun and the moon,2 In about the 19th or 20th year of Ašōka's reign after his coronation, the wise Sanghamitra with ten other capable bhikshunis went from India to Ceylon during the reign of King Devanampiya Tissa and taught the three Pitakas in Anuradhapura. They succeeded in founding the Bhikshuni Order in the island of Lanka, Princess Anula with her following having received the ordination from Sanghamitra. The Diparomsa immortalises the names of a few other bhikshunis who had then received the Upasampada Ordination in Ceylon,3 The numery (bhikshuni-upassaya) in which Sanghamitrā dwelt with her company of bhikshunis was known as the Upāsikā-vihāra consisting of twelve buildings.* King Devanampiya Tissa caused to be erected a suitable nunnery for Sanghamitra and other bhikshunis round about the Thuparama, which came to be known by the name of Hatthalhaka-vihara.

The state of things which prevailed in India regarding the bhikshunis after the reign of Aśōka, both before and during the Sunga-Mitra period, may be easily inferred from some of the donative inscriptions on the Sanchi Stupa, the Bharhut Stupa, and the Bodh-Gaya railings. These epigraphic records reveal the following facts concerning the Buddhist nuns, each of importance :-

- (1) That the nuns are mentioned generally as bhikhunis or bhichhunis, while the monks are honoured with such epithets as bhadamta, bhayamta, aya (ārya) and bhadamtaya, a fact which may not be unreasonably taken to indicate the inferior position accorded to the nuns as compared with the monks;"
- (2) that there are instances where a senior nun had junior nuns as female pupils under here or a nun was a female pupil of a monk, 10 but none where a monk was a pupil under
- (3) that the nuns, precisely as the monks, either received Buddhistic names at the time of initiation and ordination" or were allowed to retain their quondam names, the names given by their parents or guardians;12
- (4) that the following localities are the various places or centres with which the nuns are associated: Ujeni (Ujjayini), Kākandi, Kāchupatha (Kanchupatha, Kānchipatha ?),

¹ Diparamsa (ed. Oldenberg), VII, 22; Mahasamss (ed. P. T. S.), V, 209.

^{*} Maharamea, V. 208.

^{*} Ibid., V, 211.

^{*} Diparamet, XVIII, 11-13, also XV, 79-80; Mahāvanisa, XIX, 64-65; Samantapāsādikā, pt. I, p. 101.

Diparamso, XVIII, 14-16.

^{*} Mahavamaa, XIX, 68-71.

^{*} Ibid., XIX, 82-83.

^{*} Barun, Barhut, Bk. I, p. 45.

^{*} Lüdere' List, Nos. 573 (Dhamadevă, antérdsini of Mitasiri), 589 (Mülö, antérdsini of Gadā).

¹¹ Such names as Arabadāsi (Arhaddāsi), Arabadinā (Arhaddattā), Isidatā, Isidinā (Rishidattā), Isidāsi, Gotami, Jitamitā (Jitamitrā), Diganāgā, (Dianāgā), Dhamarakhitā, Dhamasiri, Budharakhitā, Sagharakhitā, Sanghapālitā,

¹⁵ Such names as Devabhāgā, Chaṇḍā, Kāḍī, Chirātī (Kirātī), Yakhī, Sagarinā, Girigutā, Pusā (Pusāyā), Asabhā-(Richabha), Gadā (Gandā), Vānavā, Ratinī, Siri, Sihā, Suriyā,

Kāpāsigāma, Kurama, Kurara, Kuraraghara, Chudaṭhīla, Tumbavana, Nandinagara, Pemuta, Bhojakaṭa, Maḍalachhikaṭa (Maṇḍalākshikaṭa), Māhirhsatī (Māhishmatī), Moragiri, Vāghumata, Vāḍivahana, and Vidišā.¹

In the two surviving inscriptions on the coping of the Bodh-Gayā railing Kuraṅgī is introduced as the elderly wife of King Indragnimitra, while in all the fifteen shorter inscriptions on the uprights of the same railing she is honoured as Ayā Kuraṅgī (Āryā Kuraṅgī). Having regard to the fact that in both Buddhist literature and inscriptions the epithet ayya or ayira (ārya) is applied to the name of a person who has attained Arhatship, it may be presumed that Kuraṅgī passed a retired life as a bhikshuṇī in her old age and that she was found to be in an advanced state of spirituality.

Coming to such later period of Indian history as the Kushana we shall expect in vain to come across many references to the bhikshunis in inscriptions. There is definitely one inscription only at Junnar Buddhist cave which records the erection of a nunnery (bhikhuni-upasaya) in the town for the residence of the bhikshunis of the Dharmottariya sect. So far as Mathura is concerned, we know of one inscription only, assigned to the reign of Huvishka, in which the Bhikshuni Dhanavati, the sister's daughter of the Bhikshuni Buddhamitra, is said to have set up a Bodhisattva image at Madhuravanaka (Mathuravana). This bhikshuni is praised as one who knew the Tripițaka (Trepitikā) and introduced as the female pupil (antēvāsini) of the Bhikshu Bala who himself was a master of the three Pitakas (Trepitaka). It needs no mention that the sphere of influence of the Bhikshu Bala was not confined to Mathura but extended to Śravasti and Sarnath. At Amaravati, however, one may obtain as many as eight inscriptions which, too, go to prove that the Buddhist community continued to be constituted of bhikshus, bhikshunis, upasakas and upasikās. In all of them the bhikshunis, otherwise called samanikā and pavajitikā, figure as female donors.* In one instance a bhikshuni, called Budha, is described as the sister of the Thera Chetiyavandaka Bhadanta Budhi, and in two records the bhikshunis are introduced as the resident female pupils of two saintly theras, Budharakhita of the Thera Bhadanta Budharakhita, and Nanda of the Arahata Ayira Budharakhita.10 One inscription speaks of Vasa (Vasya) as a parajitikā (pravrajitā) resident in Kevurura.11

The continuance of the Bhikshuni Order at Mathura up till the 5th and 6th centuries of the Christian era is clearly attested by the testimony of Fa-Hien and that of a Sanskrit inscription. In speaking of Mo-tu-lo (Mathura) Fa-Hien observes: "The bhikshunis principally honour the tower of Ananda, because it was Ananda who requested the lord of the world to let women take orders; **srāmaņeras* mostly offer to Rāhula." 12

Almost all the places were situated near about Sanchi and Bharhut.

² Lüders' List, Nos. 943, 944.

² Ibid., Nos. 939-42.

Barua, Gaya and Buddha-Gaya, Vol. II, p. 67.

^{*} Luders' List, No. 1152.

^{*} Ibid., No. 38.

⁺ Ibid., Nos. 1223, 1240, 1242, 1252, 1257, 1264, 1280, 1315.

^{*} Ibid., No. 1223.

[&]quot; Ibid., No. 1250.

²⁰ Ibid., No. 1284.

n Ibid., No. 1240.

²² Beal, Buddhist Records of the Western World, Vol. I, p. xxxix.

A Sanskrit inscription, dated in the (Gupta) year 230 (=A.D. 549-50), records the religious gift of the Śākya-bhikshunī (Buddhist nun) Jayabhaṭṭā at a monastery called Yaśōvihāra.¹

So far as our present knowledge goes, this is the latest epigraphic record having either mention of or any reference to the bhikshunis.

Hiuen Tsang who visited India during the reign of Harshavardhana has nothing whatever to say about the *bhikshuṇīs* in his Si-yū-ki. But Bāṇa in his Harshacharita puts the following words in the mouth of Rājyaśrī and Harshavardhana, which may be taken to testify to the existence of the Bhikshuṇī Order, however lingering it might be:

Rājyaśrī: "Let me therefore in my misfortunes be allowed to assume the red robe "."

Harshavardhana: "At the end, when I have accomplished my design, she and I will assume the red garments (kāshāyāṇi) together."

Even apart from the evidence of Bāṇa's *Harshacharita* it cannot be doubted that the Bhikshuṇī Order continued to exist, in some form or another, in India, though not among all Buddhist sects. The continuance of this order is unmistakably proved by the following observation of I-tsing whose visit may be assigned to the last quarter of the 7th century A.D.:

"Nuns in India are very different from those of China. They support themselves by begging food, and live a poor and simple life."4

At about this time, or a little later, flourished Bhavabhūti who included the Saugata-Parivrājikā Kāmandakī among the female characters in his famous drama Mālatī-Mādhava, together
with her three female pupils, Avalōkitā, Buddharakshitā, and Saudāminī, and Subandhu who, in
his Vāsavadattā, spoke of a bhikshukī as devoted to Tārā and as wearing red garments (bhikshuk=
īva Tār-ānurāga-rakt-āmbara-dhāriṇī). Bhavabhūti, be it noted, associates these Buddhist nuns
with the Śrīparvata in South India, and describes them as female ascetics who put on yellow robes
(chīra-chīvara-parichchhadā) and lived on pindapāta only.

Tatakaragupta of unknown but late date is the Buddhist author, who, while speaking of Vajra-yāna or Agranaya Mahāyāna, observes that this school of Buddhism provided religious training for the bhikshus, the bhikshunīs, the śrāmaṇēras, the śrāmaṇēras, the upāsakas and the upāsikās. I do not know of any Indian work, Brahmanical or Buddhist, containing references to the bhikshunīs in the 9th or 10th century A.D. It would seem that by that time the Bhikshunī Order became defunct in India, or that even if it had continued, it was just dragging its existence here and there among certain sects of the Buddhists. Eventually it ceased to be in India proper even prior to the Muslim conquest.

¹ Fleet, C. I. I., Vol. III, pp. 273-74.

² Harshacharita (ed. S. D. Gajendragadkar), p. 247: atah kāshāya-grahan-ābhyanujñay-ānugrihyatām. Translation by Cowell and Thomas, p. 254.

³ Ibid. (translation), p. 258.

⁴ Takakusu, A Record of the Buddhist Practices, p. 80.

Quoted by Haraprasad Śastri in the Vangiya Sāhitya Parishat-Patrikā, 1331 B. S., p. 62, from Tatakaragupta's Adikarma-rachanā: tatra upāsaka-upāsikā-śrāmanēra-bhikshu-śrāmanēri-śikshamānā-bhikshunī-tri-saptānām stripurush-āśraya-bhēdāt=sapta-samvarāh.

^a This surmise is well borne out by the evidence of the Mahāvamsa and the Chūļavamsa. These two Pālichronicles (Mahāvamsa, Ch. 18, v. 12; Ch. 19, v. 68; Ch. 20, vv. 21, 22, 49; Ch. 34, v. 36; Ch. 37, v. 43; Chūļavamsa, Ch. 39, v. 43; Ch. 46, v. 27; Ch. 48, vv. 36, 139; Ch. 49, v. 25; Ch. 54, v. 47) mention the pious work of erection of nunneries (bhikkhunī-upassayā) in Ceylon from the time of Devānampiya Tissa to that of King Bhūmichanda (7th century A.D.), and nothing of the kind after that.

No. 6.—AMBASAMUDRAM INSCRIPTION OF SOLANRALAIKONDA VIRA-PANDYA.

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The subjoined inscription is engraved on the south wall of the Erichchāvuḍaiyār shrine in the Siva temple, situated on the northern bank of the Tāmraparņī at Ambāsamudram, the headquarters of the taluk of the same name in the Tinnevelly District. This god who is called Tirupōttuḍaiya-Bhaṭāra (the god of the bull-vehicle) in early inscriptions, must have been the principal deity of the temple in the olden days, because several endowments of the Pāṇḍya kings Mārañ-Jaḍaiyaṇ and Śaḍaiya-Māraṇ are found recorded on the walls of this shrine only.² But when the adjacent and more imposing Kāśī-Viśvanātha temple came into existence, apparently in the later Pāṇḍya times, this shrine appears to have shrunk into an insignificant auxiliary structure isolated in the north prākāra of the bigger temple. Further, during some extensive repairs carried out some fifty years ago, some of the engraved stones belonging to the present record have become disarranged, with the result that one piece containing the ends of lines 9 to 16 is now found embedded in the inner wall of the shrine, while another important slab which must have contained the ends of lines 1 to 8 cannot be traced at all.

The inscription is engraved in clean-cut Vaṭṭeluttu characters attributable to the 10th century A. D. Grantha letters have been used in the words Svasti Śrī (l. 1), Sūrya-grahaṇa (l. 11), and Brahma° (l. 12). The letters ta and ra and consequently tu and ru are written alike, without much differentiation. There are no special orthographic peculiarities noticeable in this record, except that some old forms of words occurring in other early Chōļa and Pāṇḍya records of this period are also found here, such as, i-ññāḍu (l. 2) for i-nnāḍu; padiṛru vēli (l. 3) for pattu-vēli and nāḷi-ūm (l. 15) for nāḷiyum. The Sanskrit words āchārya and śrīkārya are transformed into āchārchchiya (l. 19) and śrīkārchchiya (l. 22); the colloquial form śeyśa for śeyda is also used (l. 24).

The record is dated in the 15+5th year of the Pāṇḍya king Śōlan-ralai-koṇḍa Vīra-Pāṇḍya, when an order issued in the 12th year of his reign was engraved on stone on the wall of the temple by his officer Chōlāntaka-Brahmamārāya. It is important in that it mentions the occurrence of a solar eclipse in the month of Mithuna in the 12th year of the Pāṇḍya king's reign, and enables us to fix that date.

From the inscriptions copied hitherto, it has not been possible to determine the exact years between which Vīra-Pāṇḍya reigned. All that we know is that the Chōļa king Parakēsarivarman Āditya-Karikāla II claims to have cut off the head of a Vīra-Pāṇḍya, in the title Vīra-Pāṇḍyaṇ-ralai-koṇḍa assumed by him from the 2nd year of his reign³, and that the highest regnal year so far found⁴ for Vīra-Pāṇḍya is 15+5 or 20.

The predecessor of Rājarāja I (A.D. 985-1013) on the Chōla throne was Parakēsarivarman Uttama-Chōla, whose date of accession was A.D. 969-70⁵, and as he had a reign of about 16 years, he must have ruled from A.D. 969-970 to 985-986. As both Āditya II and Uttama-Chōla had the same title of Parakēsarivarman, it had been inferred that they had ruled jointly in the interval

¹ No. 101 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1905.

² Nos. 105 of 1905 and 86 of 1907.

³ No. 472 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1908 (S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 199).

No. 474 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1909 is dated in the 15+4th year, while the present record quotes the 15+5th year.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 284 (No. 456 of 1908).

No. 357 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1907 (S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 144).

between Rājakēsari Sundara-Chōļa and Rājakēsari Rājarāja I. The Udaiyārgudi record^a dated in the 2nd year of Rājakēsarivarman (Rājarāja I) states that the lands belonging to some persons who were implicated in the death of Aditya-Karikala were confiscated by the king; and it is reasonable to consider, from the trend of political events that attended the succession of Uttama-Chols, that he had himself countenanced this act of treachery, which led him a step nearer to the Choja throne. The Tiruvalangaqu's plates while slurring over the actual facts that culminated in Aditya's death make, however, the significant remark that 'Rājarāja did not wish to succeed to the Chola territory, so long as his uncle Uttama-Chola coveted it'. These facts suggest that / Ādītya must have been killed before Uttama-Chôla's actual succession, and so Ādītya II must have lived and ruled before A.D. 969-70.

The Leiden plates of Rajaraja I mention that while yet a boy, he (Aditya) played sportively in battle with Vira-Pandya, just as a lion's cub (does) with a rutting mad elephant, proud of (its) strength ' while the Tiruvālangādu plates are more explicit in stating that ' be killed the Pāndya king (who must have been the same Vira-Pandya) in battle,' and ' having deposited in his (capital) town the lofty pillar of victory, (viz.), the head of the Pandya king, Aditya disappeared (from this world) with a desire to see heaven'. From these statements, we can infer that Aditya II had won his military spurs even during the reign of his father and that he did not live for a long time after his own independent victory over his Pandya adversary. Though the title talai-konda assumed by kings, has, in some rare instances, been interpreted to connote a simple capture of the crown of their opponents, this specific statement in the Tiruvālangādu plates warrants the conclusion that Vira-Pandya literally lost his head, i.e., met his death, in his encounter with Aditya. The highest regnal year found for Vira-Pandya in the records so far copied is only 15-5, i.e., 20, and it was probably the last year of his reign. As the earliest year in which the title Vira Pandiyan-ralai-konda is applied to Aditya is 2, we may assume that the 20th year of Vira-Pandya coincided with the 2nd year of Aditya's reign.

Of Aditya's father Rājakësarivarman Sundara-Chōla, it is stated in the Leiden plates* that he fought a fierce battle with his enemies at Sevvûr (Chêvûra), while the Kanyakumāri record* mentions that the Pandya opponent of this king fied from the field of battle and hid himself in a forest. The earliest record? of Sundara-Chola crediting him with this achievement in the title Pandiyanai-chchuram=irakkina is dated in his 7th year; and as he is considered to have reigned from about A.P. 956 to 973, this conflict with the Pandya king, who must have been Vira-Pandya himself, could have taken place only in about A.D. 964. It seems probable therefore that the Pandya king was then simply defeated and routed, that he actually lost his life in another subsequent near engagement in which Aditya distinguished himself, and that this signal victory gave Aditya the title of Vira-Pāndiyan-yalai-konda, in common with the two feudatories Parthivēndravarmane and Bhūti-Vikramakësarinte, who must have both helped him in this exploit,

³ No. 577 of 1920 and ante, Vol. XXI, p. 165.

² S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 420.

⁴ Ante, Vol. XXII, p. 256.

⁴ Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri : The Colos, Vol. I, p. 169. This is not convincing.

No. 256 of 1907 from Tiravidalmarudur, dated in the 4th year of Aditys, states that ' he destroyed Vira-Pandya and took his head ' (Vira-Pandiyanai erindu takii konda).

^{*} Trav. Archl. Series, Vol. III, p. 156.

No. 291 of 1908; ante, Vol. XII, p. 126.

^{*} The Colar, Vol. I, p. 180. No. 123 of 1895 is attributable to him and the astronomical details-17th year, Kumbha, Sunday, Révati-give the equivalent A.D. 973, February 9, Sunday.

^{*} No. 223 of 1915. Parthivendravarman's identity with Aditya II himself or with Prithvipati II seems doubtful.

¹⁰ No. 129 of 1907.

As stated already, a solar eclipse occurred in the month of Mithuna in the 12th year of Vira-Pāṇḍya. In the period from A.D. 930 to 970, the only three years in which a solar eclipse occurred in Mithuna were :—

- (1) A.D. 950, June 18 (Mithuna 26), Tuesday,
- (2) A.D. 959, June 9 (Mithuna 17), Thursday, and
- (3) A.D. 960, May 28 (Mithuna 5), Monday.

If the week-day on which the eclipse occurred or the nakshatra which was current on that day had been specified in the present record, it would have been possible to verify the exact date referred to; but in their absence we shall have to select a plausible equivalent, only by a process of elimination.

If we suppose that A.D. 950 was the 12th year of Vira-Pandya's reign, it would give A.D. 957 as his finalt year, and as this will have corresponded to the 2nd year of Aditya, the Chola king's date of accession would be A.D. 956. This would yield the inconsistent results that Aditya killed him in A.D. 957, and that his predecessor Sundara-Chōla defeated him in A.D. 963; so this date of accession for Aditya is not possible. Similarly, A.D. 960 which would yield A.D. 967 as the 20th year of Vira-Pāndya and the 2nd year of Aditya and A.D. 966 as Aditya's date of accession, may have also to be discarded, because in that case Aditya's reign which extended to the 5th year would overlap into the reign of his successor Uttama-Chōla (accession A.D. 969-70), which is not possible, since, as stated already, Aditya II should have passed away before Uttama-Chōla could have succeeded him. On the other hand, if we take A.D. 959 as the 12th year of Vira-Pandya, his 20th year and Aditya's 2nd year would have corresponded to A.D. 966, giving A.D. 964-52 as Aditya's initial year. This date would satisfy the presumption that his fight with VIra-Pandya could have happened in about A.D. 966, which would be only a year later than the defeat of the Pandya ruler at Sundara-Chola's hands in about A.D. 964 before the 7th year of the latter's reign, and that a five-year rule for Aditya II could also be accounted for between A.D. 965 and 969. These results may be tabulated thus :-

	Vira-Pandya's 12th year.	Vira-Pāṇḍya's 20th year —Āditya's 2nd year.	Āditya's accession.	Vira-Păṇḍya'a accession.	
ī	950	957	956	938	
2	959	966	965	947	
3	960	967	968	948	

Of these three dates, No. 2 may therefore be considered as the best suited for the record under review, and it would yield A. D. 947 to 966 as the period of reign of Vîra-Păṇḍya. His position in the Pāṇḍyan genealogy may be taken to be between Rājasinhas, who was defeated by Parāntaka I before A.D. 922, and Amarabhujangas, whom Rājarāja claims to have conquered.

The Pandya king himself claims to have taken the head of a Chola, as evidenced by the title Solan-ralai-konda assumed by him from the 6th year onwards (i.e., from A.D. 953-54). Who

¹ As there is only one record of the 15+5th year, it has been inferred that he died in the beginning of that regnal year.

Three records of Aditya II from Udaiyargudi in the South Areot District furnish astronomical details which would approximately take the date of his accession to the end of A.D. 963. This point requires further examination in the light of future discoveries.

^{*} Udayëndiram plates of Prithivipati II (S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 387).

a S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 387, where he is taken to be a Pandya king. We have no means of determining this at present.

^{*} No. 163 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1894.

this Chola king was, who was killed by Vīra-Pāṇdya the Cholantaka, has not been specified by name in any of his records. Sundara-Chōla was called 'Ponmāligait-tuñjina-dēva' (the king who died at the golden palace or at Chidambaram known as the Kanakasabhā ?)1, but he could not have been the victim, because records going up to the 17th year (=A.D. 973) are found for him Ariñjaya, the predecessor of Sundara-Chōla, was called 'Ārrūr-tuñjiṇa-dēva' (he who died at Arrur); but the circumstances that led to his death at that place are not known. As a pallippadai was erected for him at Mēlpādi2 in the Chittoor District, it may be inferred that he fell fighting in one of the skirmishes with the army of the Rāshṭrakūṭa king Krishṇa III in that locality. There is reason to believe that he lived a few years later than A.D. 953. Gandaraditya was called 'Merkelundarulina-dēva' (he who proceeded west)3, but he could not have been Vīra-Pāṇḍya's adversary, because, having probably succeeded as yuvarāja-coregent soon after the death of prince Rājāditya in A.D. 949-50 and with records of the 8th year definitely assignable to him, he would have lived up to A.D. 957-8 at least. In addition to all these, there was another Chola prince of this time called Uttamaśīli, who is mentioned in two records dated in the 24th and 26th years of his father Parantaka's reign; but we know next to nothing about him and his career, except that a village and a channel in the Trichinopoly District were named after him.

According to the calculation arrived at above, Vīra-Pāṇdya must have assumed the title of Solan-ralai-konda from about A.D. 953-54; and this date coincides with the 46th or 47th year of the reign of Parantaka I. Parantaka's records of the 46th year are only two in number and none of his 47th year has been discovered yet. It is therefore tempting to conclude that it was the last year of the Chola king's reign and that it was Parantaka himself who had lost his life at the hands of Vīra-Pāṇḍya,7 thus giving the latter an opportunity to avenge the defeat and possibly the death of his father (?)8 Rājasimha at the Chōla king's hands, some years earlier. It was left to Aditya II to follow up the family vendetta by killing Vîra-Pāṇḍya in his turn in about A.D. 966. These conclusions appear to be warranted by the sequence of events that happened in the eventful half-a-century preceding the accession of Rajaraja I in A.D. 985. There is, however, one solitary Kannada recordo at Vanamaladinne in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, situated in the northern-most border of the Chola dominion of the time, which quotes the 48th year of Parantaka's reign; and this has perhaps to be explained by supposing that the recent news of the death of the Chola king had not percolated so far north, at the time that record was incised. This need not surprise us, as such instances are not unknown in the history of this period.

As regards the subject-matter of the record, it is stated that in the 15+5th year of Solanralai-konda Vîra-Pandya, Chôlantaka-Brahmamārāyar, the officer of the king (adikāramścykinga) receiving the royal order relating to a gift of 10 vēli of land as kudinīngā-dēvadāņam

¹ That tribute ' he who died in the Ponmāligai ' has no point, unless it be that some important fact connected with Sundara-Chōļa's death was sought to be expressed by it. Could Uttama-Chōļa have had any hand in his removal as certainly he must have had in Aditya II's death?

^{28.} I. I., Vel. III, No. 17.

³ No. 540 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1920.

^{*} Nos. 570 and 574 of 1908. The dates suggested in The Colus, Vol. I, have been followed.

Nos. 446 of 1917 and 19 of 1895.

Uttamaśili-chaturvēdimangalam (No. 359 of 1924) and Uttamaśili-väykkäl (No. 169 of 1907).

⁷ Vira-Pāṇḍya must have encountered the Chōla king in some southern campaign only. It may also have to be noted that Vira-Pandya's records are not found very much to the north of Madura.

s In No. 122 of 1905 from Tiruppudaimarudur in the Tinnevelly District dated in the 2+18th year of a Sadaiya-Māran (Rājasimha), a servant of a Vīra-Pāndya is mentioned.

This record (No. 200 of 1931-32) reads thus in its date portion-Madura-gonda Gö-Parakesari nalvattentage.

made by the king earlier in his 12th regnal year to the temple of Tiruppöttudaiya-Bhaţāra, had it engraved on stone in that temple. This officer figures in an inscription of the king dated in the 15+4th year at Suchindram in the Travancore State, where his name has been incorrectly read as Chērāntaka-Brahmārāyar. Chōļāntaka (Death to the Chōļa) was evidently the title assumed by Vīra-Pāṇḍya to commemorate the act of his having cut off the head of the Chōļa king (Sōlan-ralai-koṇḍa), and this may have been adopted by the officer Chōļāntaka-Brahmamārāyar, either because he had also taken part in the encounter himself or simply after the title of his master. A liquid-measure called 'Chōļāntakaŋ-nāļi' was also current in this period in the Pāṇḍya country. Vīra-Pāṇḍya is said to have had also the title of Pāṇḍimārttāṇḍa,² ' the Sun of the Pāṇḍya family'; but this title was in vogue even earlier in the time of Ṣāḍaiya-Māɪaŋ² (Rājasiṃha).

The names of the several revenue officials who were cognisant of the endowment made to the temple of Tiruppöttudaiya-Bhaṭāra are enumerated:

- The officer who was supervising the king's secretariat duties in the 12th year (en-karmam= ārāchchi mēl=eļuttu šeykinga)² was Tamiļavēļān⁴ belonging to Kādandai community (?);
 - 2. the ēvi-mudal was Araiyan Māṇābharaṇan;
 - 3. the ölai-eluttu was an officer, whose name is lost;
- the väykēļvi was [Chū]ļāmaņi-kiļavan of Mēyūr alias Kuvalaiyasinganallūr in Anda-nādu;
- the bandāra-ppottagam was Vikramapāndya-Mūvēndavējān alias Kaţţinakkan Iranan of Veliyārrūr in Kīļ-Kundāru in Koļuvūr-kūrram.
 - 6. The original document was attested and engraved by Pullan-Korran; and
- the engraving of the record in the 15+5th year of the king was done under the supervision of Dēvan-Kirinan, the śrikāryam of the temple.

From the surnames of two of these officers (Nos. 2 and 5), we can infer that there were Pändya princes having the names of Mānābharaṇa⁵ and Vikrama-Pāṇḍya even before Vīra-Pāṇḍya's time. Another record* of this king testifies to the existence before this period of another prince Sundara-Pāṇḍya, in whose name a shrine called Sundaraṇāṇḍyēśvaram was erected at Pallimadam in the Ramnad District.

The details of the scale of offerings, etc., that had to be provided for from the endowment registered in this document are given at some length:

For one day-

³ Travencore Archueological Series, Vol. III, p. 71. An officer called Chöjantaka-Pallavaraiyan alias Maran-Achehau of Pöljyür is mentioned in another record from the same place (ibid., p. 72).

An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1932-3, para. 30; and No. 122 of 1305.

The functions of the several officials are not clearly definable.

⁴ An officer of the name of Tennavan Tamijavēj figures in records of this king from Kilmāttür, Madura District (Nos. 624 and 626 of 1926), and he was probably identical with this officer.

^{*}No. 26 of 1895 from Tillaisthänam (Tanjore District) mentions a Manabharana in the 8th year of a Parakësarivarman. It may be noted that there were also later members of the Pändya family with the same set of names of Mānābharana, Vikrama-Pāndya and Sundara-Pāndya, who were contemporaries of Rājādhirāja I in A.D. 1046.

^{*} No. 421 of 1914 of the Madras Epigraphical collection.

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for the kanakka-bandāram Šōlai-Viru				. ½ věli,
for eight men-servants (mān)	181			. 1½+ ½ věli,
for ten men (uvaichchar)	1117			. 1\(\frac{1}{2}\vec{v\ellip}{eli}\),
		TO THE		. ½0 věli,
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for the potter (kušavan)				· 10 ccc.,
for the firewood supplier (virakiduvān)		*		. 10 vēli,
for sweeping (tirumelukkuppuram)1 .	•			. 30 vēli, laperes eda to sementent
for the washerman (irangolli)2			No. of Street	· ½ vēli,
for festivals (tiruvi lappuram)3				. 1 věli,
and for the architect Manabharanan-Senda	n wh	o ere	cted (?) The residence of the second
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At the end it is stated that this arrangement was made by Cholantakadevar.

Among the place-names mentioned in the record, Ilangoykkudi was the ancient name of Ambāsamudram. It was a brahmadēya in Mulli-nādu. Raņaśinga-mangalam, a village perhaps founded by or named after an unidentified Pandya king having the title of Ranasimha, was situated in the sub-division called Manalur-kkulakkils, which was probably irrigated by the tank at Manalur. Kuvalavasinganallur was in the sub-division called Anda-nadu which is represented by Periyakottai and its vicinity in the Madura District. The temple of Tirumulanāthar referred to in this record is situated to the west of the Erichchavudaiyar temple at Ambāsamudram.

- 1 Svasti Śrī [*] Śolan-[ra]lai-konda Ko-Vīra-Pāndi[yadēvarku] yandu pannirandu ivv-andu Mithuna-[ña]virru Sūrya6.
- Mullinattu brahmadevam Ilangovkkudi Tiruppottudaiya-Bhatara[r*]kku i-ññattu Valudi-ūr
- 3 āru-pāchchal nilan padirru vēli pa[di]rru vēlium kudigaļidu kārā[n*]mai=āgavum Dēvaridu

² Irangolli is an interesting name for a washerman, 'he who takes off the wet from clothes'.

3 Tiruvi lappuram is the provision made for the conduct of festivals in the temple.

¹ Tirumelukkuppuram-this duty included sweeping, as well as smearing the temple premises with the purificatory cowdung.

⁴ Pudukku means ' renovation '; but the architect is stated to have śeyśa or erected (?) the shrine. As earlier records are found in the shrine, the shrine was perhaps begun earlier and completed only at the time of the record.

⁵ The expression 'Mādakkulakkīl Madurai' occurring elsewhere has been taken as 'Madurai to the east of Mādakkulam'. But from similar expressions—Vēlūr-kulakkīļ Śrīkundadēvi-chaturvēdimangalam (No. 740 of 1919). Mādakkulakkīl Ködimangalam, and Vīranārāyana-kulakkīl Pulingungūr (No. 49 of 1890), we have to infer that no directional significance is indicated, but that the particular villages were included in the ayacut of the respective irrigation sources, which gave their name to the sub-divisions. In the Sinnamanur plates also Rajasimha-kulakkil is mentioned as the name of a territorial sub-division (Rājasinhakkuļakkīļ ityuktē rāshtrē)-S. I I., Vol. III. p. 453.

⁴ Probably ograhanatti nanru.

² Probably miyātchiyāgavum dēva-.

- 4 tāṇamāga urubu[po]n¹ mangavāri uṭpaḍa eṅ-karmam ārāchchi mēl=eluttu-chcheykinga-Ma[ha]
- 5 rrattu Kādandaikudippādi=tTamilavēlān-āyi[na] . . .

- 8 m [ölai-elu]tt=ägavum Anda-näṭṭu Kuvalaiyaśiṅganallūr āyiṇa Mēyūr Tiruppattūr . .
- 9 ²ļāmaņi-kiļavan vā[y*]kēļvi-āgavum Koļuvūr-kkūrrattu Kīļ-Kuņḍārru Veļiyārrūr Vik[kira]-mapānḍiya-Mūvēnda-
- 10 [vē]ļān-āyiņa Kaṭṭinakkan Ira[ṇa]n baṇḍāra-ppottagam-āgavum Iļangōykkuḍi Tiruppō-ttuḍaiya [Pa]ramēśu[ra]-Paḍārar kōyilil irundu
- 11 [pa]nnirandām=āndu Mithuna-nāyirru Sūrya-grahanatti[nānru]³ ivv=āndin edir= āndu-mudal kudiningā-ttē[va]tāna[m*]-āga kuduttōm [i*] tānga-
- 12 [lum]⁴ idu kaṇḍu pārpaḍuttu-kkuḍukka [|*] Pullaṅ-Korraṇ eluttu [|*] eṇra i-ttirumugappaḍi koṇḍu adikārañ-śeykiṇra Chōlāntaka-[Bra]hmamārāyar i-ppadir-
- 13 ru vēliyaiy nivandam adaichchapadi kalmēl eļuttu veṭṭuga enru padin-añjām yāndin edir añjām yāndu śrīkārya[m*] perra Ba-
- 14 . māņaņukku amachchu i-tTiruppöttudaiya-Dēvarkku śrīkārya[m*] śeykinga Dēvan-Kiriņan śolla kalmē[l*] eļuttu veţţinapadi [l*] Tiru-
- 15 ppöttudaiya-Dēvarkku nāngu-pödaikku ari[śi*] muppattiru-nāļiüm anna-balikku ariśi aru-nāļiüm kari-amidukku ari-
- 16 [śi] nāliüm Tiruvēnkaṭanilai-tTēvarkku niśadi ariśi nā-nāliüm TirumūlattānattutTēvarkku niśadi ariśi nā-nā-
- 17 [li]üm Gaņavatiyārkku ariśi iru-nāļiüm ē[r]ri niśadi ari[śi*] nārpatt-onpadi-nāļiüm āga
- 18 kku nel=kkalanēy onbadin-kuruņi iru-nāliy=uri ōr=āṭṭaikku nel a[runū]rru-enbat-te⁶
- 19 ⁷yettu mā-kkāṇiyum āchārchchiyan Muṇṇūrruvan-Śēndanukku nilan araiyum []*] kaṇakka-baṇḍāram śeykinga Śōlai-Viru periyānukku nilan araiyu [m l*] [mā]-
- 20 n ettinukku nilan onr-araiyē yirandu-mā [l*] ivarrul Munnūrruvan-Sēndan-udaiya mān mūnrum Munnūrruvan-Periyān mān-onrum Kasanāk-8
- 21 kalan-udaiya mā=ṇālum [|*] Dēvar paduvāram ēlill=onru uvaichchagaļukkum pudavai-mudal=āgavum [|*] aru-kūrum eṭṭu-māṇukkum pudavai-mudal=āgavum [|*] uvaich[cha]-

¹ This expression is not understood. Can it be uridu pon?

² The full name probably is Chulamani.

³ An alternative reading is oatti[n podu].

⁴ This was read on the stone.

⁵ The missing letters are probably oru nalttevai.

[•] There is some discrepancy in the calculation of the annual requirements.

⁷ Between lines 18 and 19 are visible the syllables Svasti érī apparently belonging to another record, which apparently had been erased so as to make room for the present inscription.

⁸ This word is written over an erasure.

- 22 n Ganapati Kumāradi mudal pattāļukku nilam onre-kāl [|*] śrīkā[r*]chchiyam ārāivāņukku niyadam ariśi nā-nāliyināl nilam ēļu-mā [|*] kuśavaņukku ni-
- 23 lam iraņdu-mā [|*] virakiduvāņukku nilam=iraņdu-mā [|*] tirumeļukkuppura[m*] nilam= irandu-mā [|*] īran[ko]llikku nilam=ira[n]du-mā [|*] tiruvilāppuram ni-
- lan vēli [/*] pudukkuppira[m*] i-ttirukkarralai šeyša āchāriyan Mānābharanan- Sēndanukku nilan kālum āga nilan padirru-vē-
- 25 liyum chandir-adittavalan chelvadaga vaittar Cholantakadevar [* Idu pan-Mahesvarar rakshai [||*]

No. 7.—KANTERU PLATES OF SALANKAYANA VIJAYA-SKANDAVARMAN.

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In 1924-25, the Assistant Archæological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras, secured three sets of copper-plates belonging to the family of Sālankāyana-Mahārājas, of which two were received from Mr. Challa Jagannatha Pantulu, Assistant Editor, Andhra-Patrika, Madras and the third from Mr. M. Somasekhara Sarma of the Telugu Encyclopedia office.1 The first two are stated to have been found buried underground in the village called Kanteru in the Guntur taluk, Guntur District, while the third was discovered underground at Pedda-Vēgi near Ellore in the Kistna (now West Godavari) District. Of the two records discovered at Kanteru, one is a charter of Mahārāja Vijaya-Skandavarman and the other of Mahārāja Nandivarman. The Pedda-Vēgi copper-plates belong to the Sālankāyana-Mahārāja Nandivarman and give the genealogy of the king for three generations before him. This last-mentioned charter has been published with plates in the Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society2 as well as in the Telugu monthly Bhāratī for Raktākshin, Śrāvaṇa (1924) in which the genealogy of the Śālankāyanas is discussed at some length. The two Kanteru plates have been published by the late Mr. K. V. Lakshmana Rao in the Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society's but without facsimiles of plates and seal. None of the seals of this family known so far contains a clear relief figure of the emblem, and the quadruped faintly seen on the seal of the Ellore Prakrit Plates of Vijaya-Devavarman has been surmised to be a tiger. But the seal of the present grant is fairly wellpreserved and shows distinctly the figure of the animal on it as a couchant bull. As the genealogical arrangement and to a certain extent also the text of the inscription given by Mr. Rao require revision, I re-edit the Kanteru plates of Vijaya-Skandavarman with the kind permission of the Superintendent for Epigraphy.

While editing the two sets of Kanteru plates in the Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society Mr. Lakshmana Rao who was the first to examine the plates, with seal, assigned the seal of the present grant to the set of king Vijaya-Nandivarman instead of to that of Vijaya-Skandavarman as noticed in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for 1924-25. This raised a doubt about the correctness of the description given in the Annual Report and to clear it and make a comparative study of the known seals of the family, I obtained on loan, through the kind

Nos. 1-3 of Appendix A of the Madras Epigraphical Report for 1924-25.

² Vol. I, pp. 92 ff. An indistinct plate of the seal of the present record is published here. But see foot-note 1, p. 43, below. 3 Vol. V, pp. 21 ff.

offices of the Superintendent for Epigraphy, the original plates with seal of the two Kanteru sets as well as the Ellore Prakrit Plates of Vijaya-Devavarman from the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras. On examination I found that the seal attached to the plates of Vijaya-Skandavarman bore the distinct figure of a conchant bull with a partially indistinct legend which, as stated below, indisputably mentions Mahārāja Skanda[varman]. Hence the description given by Mr. Lakshmans Rao has to be revised since the legend conclusively proves that the seal belonged to Vijaya-Skandavarman and not to Vijaya-Nandivarman.1 It may be observed here that the seal of Nandivarman of the Kanteru plates though badly worn out can be made out to represent a couchant bull with a seated figure at the top which looks like Siva wearing a crown and with four (!) arms, while the figure on the scal of the Ellore Prakrit plates looks like a tiger or lion. The wavy line representing the clouds which is prominently visible in the present grant is partially seen below the bull in the seal of the Kanteru plates of Nandivarman described above.

The subjoined grant consists of four thin copper-plates strung together on a ring of the same metal passing through a narrow hole at the proper right margin of the plates. To the ring is firmly attached a circular copper seal with the figure of a couchant bull facing the proper right cut in relief on its slightly concave face. At the top of the bull is seen what looks like a lings sheltered by a triple-hooded serpent, with an ankusa-like object to the proper left and a lamp-stand and a fly-whisk (?) to the proper right. Below the bull is a wavy line which may be taken to represent a cloud line as is conventionally done in sculptures and paintings. In the right portion of the seal along the fringe are some worn-out letters in relief of which the syllables Mahā[rā]ja | S|kanda can be made out." The plates are damaged on account of age and the first line at the top of the second plate has broken away. Also some small holes are found on the plates owing to the corrosion of the metal. The plates measure 51 inches long and 12 inches broad. The hole through which the ring passes has a diameter of 1 inch and the diameter of the ring holding the plates is 2 inches. The diameter of the seal is also 2 inches. The plates with ring and seal together weigh 361 tolas. They are now purchased and deposited in the Government Museum, Madras.

The alphabhet belongs to an archaic variety of the Kanarese and Telugu script prevalent in the east between 3rd and 6th centuries A.D. In general appearance, it resembles the one found in the Ellore Präkrit plates, and the Omgodu grant, of Skandavarman II and is more archaic than the writing of the three grants of Simhavarman. The following are a few noteworthy points in the palæography of the record : (1) there is no loop to distinguish t from a which is generally found in the three grants of Simhavarman, the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman II and the Vishnukundin charters. As in the Hīrahadagalli* and Ellore Prākrit plates the t is distinguished from n by a slight curve at the right; cf. pādānudhyātasya (l. 2), "nupālitā (l. 15), tāny=ēva (II. 18 f.), etc. The Kanteru plates of Nandivarman, however, mark the loop both for t and a without distinction. As first members of a consonant group, both t and n of the present grant look the same as in the Hirahadagalli and Ellore plates, see for instance, datta (l. 15) and "manta (I. 18). (2) The exceptionally looped archaic y from which the one with a small circle or curve at

¹ Mr. R. Subba Rao who has published an indistinct print of this scal along with his article on the Pedda-Vegi plates of Nandivarman in the Journal of the Andhra Historial Research Society, Vol. I, pp. 92 ff., follows Mr. Rao and wrongly considers the seal as that of Nandivarman of the Kanteru plates.

^{* [}Except the syllables mahn and the bull and the line beneath it nothing else, including the name of the king, is visible in the photograph of the seal.-Ed.]

² Above, Vol. IX, pp. 56 ff.

⁴ Above, Vol. XV, pp. 249 ff.

Pikira (above, Vol. VIII, p. 159), Uruvupalli (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, p. 50) and Mangalor (ibid., pl 154) grants.

^{*} Above, Vol. I, pp. 2 ff.

the left is apparently derived is found here alongside the unlooped linear y as in the plate of Vijaya-Dēvavarman; cf. Šālankāyana (l. 3), Šivāryyāya (l. 8), maryyādayā (l. 10), vishaya (l. 12) and sagotrāya (1.7), vāstavyāya (1.8), niyukt-āyuktaka (1.11). The plates are numbered like the pages1 of a modern book with the numerical symbols for 2 to 6 on the left margin, the first side of the first plate being marked with the symbol for om as in the Ellore plates of Vijaya-Devavarman. The numerals 1, 2 and 3 appear also in the three grants of Simhavarman where they indicate a definitely later development in their shape. In the present set, each engraved side contains three lines of writing except that the first and the last plates are engraved on one side only, the latter having four lines.

The record is written in Sanskrit prose with two of the usual imprecatory verses at the end. The language is simple and business-like and the formula or the draft of the preamble, e.g., the passage Mahārāja-śrī-Vijaya-Skandavarmmanō vachanēna Kudrāhāra-Chintapurē grāmēyakāh vaktavyāh (Il. 3-5), resembles closely that employed in the Ellore Prākrit plates of Dēvavarman² and the Mattēpād plates of Dāmōdaravarman³ belonging to the period of transitional Prākrit, as well as the one found in the Omgodu grant of Vijaya-Skandavarman II4 and the Uruvupalli grant of Yuva-Mahārāja Vishņugōpavarman.5 which are assigned to the time of the earliest Sanskrit charters of the Pallavas. The inscription is dated on the full-moon day of Vaisākha in the first year (in words, ll. 13 f.) of the Mahārāja Vijaya-Skandavarman (Il. 3 f.) who issued this grant from Vēngī (l. 1) and addressed it to the villagers of Chintapura in the district of Kudrāhāra (ll. 4-5).6 The donee was one Sivāryya of the Maudgalya-gōtra, a resident of the village Lēkumārī (ll. 7-8), who received the village (i.e., Chintapura) exempt from all imposts (ll. 8-9). The king is described as the Śālankāyana, the meditator on the feet of the holy Chitrarathasvāmin and one devoted to the feet of Bappabhattaraka. He does not bear the epithet either Parama-Mahesvara borne by Devavarman or Parama-Bhāgavata assumed by Nandivarman of the Kantēru, Kollēru and Pedda-Vēgi plates.

Of the five copper-plate records of the Śālańkāyana family known so far, the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman alone give the genealogy for four generations as follows: - Hastivarman-Mahārāja, his son Nandivarman-Mahārāja, his son Chaṇḍavarman-Mahārāja and his eldest son Mahārāja Nandivarman II, Parama-Bhāgavata. Since the ājñapti in these as well as in the Kollēru plates is the same person Mülakura-bhōjaka, the two Nandivarmans might be identical with each other. Now, Nandivarman of the Kanteru plates (Set II) may, from the likeness of names, be identified with either Nandivarman I or Nandivarman II of the above genealogy, preferably with the former, since the script employed in his charter is more angular and antique than the one found in the Pedda-Vēgi and Kollēru plates, which is rounded and more developed. Vaingēyaka Hastivarman mentioned in the Allahābād pillar inscription as the contemporary of Samudragupta (middle of the 4th century A.D.) might be Hastivarman, the great-grandfather of Nandivarman II mentioned above. He must have been preceded by Vijaya-Dēvavarman

¹ Other instances bearing numerical symbols on the margin of plates are: (1) The British Museum plates of Charudevi (above, Vol. VIII, p. 143) of which iia and iib are marked by 2 and 3 like the pages of a book, (2) The Ellore Prākrit plates (ibid., Vol. IX, p. 56), and (3) the Mattepad plates of Damodaravarman (ibid., Vol. XVII, p. 327).

² Text, lines 6-8.

^{*} Text, lines 3 and 4.

⁴ Text, lines 8-10.

⁵ Text, lines 16-17.

^{6 [}See f. n. 5 on p. 46.-Ed.]

⁷ Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society, Vol. V, pp. 27 ff.

⁴ Ind. Ant., Vol. V. p. 175.

whose grant is worded in Prākrit since the inscription of Samudragupta whose contemporary Hastivarman was, is couched in chaste classical Sanskrit. From the similarity of script and phraseology adopted in the present grant with those found in the Prākrit plates of Vijaya-Dēvavarman and the Ömgödu grant of Vijaya-Skandavarman II as well as the Uruvupalli grant of Simhavarman II, it may safely be said that Vijaya-Skandavarman of the present record flourished close after Vijaya-Dēvavarman and some time during the period of the above-mentioned Pallava Sanskrit charters, and was evidently a predecessor or an elder contemporary of Hastivarman. The arrangement of the Sālankāyana genealogy given in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for 1924-25 which follows the one worked out by the late Mr. K. V. Lakshmana Rao is not tenable since Vijaya-Nandivarman (correctly Vijaya-Skandavarman) and Yuva-mahārāja Buddhavarman of the so-called Elliot's unpublished grant² accommodated in it, do not belong to the Šālankāyana family.

The territory of the Śālankāyanas consisted of Kudrāhāra-vishaya and Vēngī which lay to the north of the Krishna river. We know from the Mayidavolu plates that Dhannakada was included in the kingdom of Pallava Sivaskandavarman. The two Omgodu grants of Skandavarman II and Simhavarman respectively and the Chendalür plates of Kumāra-Vishņu mention Kammarāshtra in which some lands were granted, while according to the Māngadūr grant of Simhavarman, the Pallava territory contained a division called Vengorashtra. It is quite likely that during the time of Sivaskandavarman of the Mayidavõlu plates also, the Andhrā-patha comprised the two divisions Vēngorāshtra and Kammarāshtra. If Vēngorāshtra is identical with the Vengi-vishaya of later inscriptions, the Pallava territory would, then, include the modern districts of Kistna, Guntur and Nellore, while the country to the north of the Krishna was for some time at least ruled by the Śālańkāyanas. The fact that Vijaya-Dēvavarman calls himself the performer of a horse-sacrifice points to his having raised himself to the status of an independent monarch after overcoming all his enemies among whom the Pallava must have been included. The rebellion of the Sālankāyana king against the Pallava overlord appears to have synchronised with the rise of Kadamba Mayūraśarman in the vicinity of Śrīśailam and his carving out a semiindependent kingdom at Vaijayanti in the beginning of the 4th century A.D.

Among the places mentioned in the record, Vēngī is generally identified with Pedda-Vēgī³ near Ellore; Kudrāhāra which is probably the same as Kudūrahāra of the Kondamudi plates

¹ [As the palæography of the present plates of Skandavarman closely resembles that of the Pedda-Vēgi plates of Nandivarman II, Mr. Panchamukhi's arguments, mainly based on palæography, for placing Skandavarman long before Nandivarman cannot be accepted as certain. Until more reliable evidence can be found, it will not be possible to determine the position of Skandavarman in the genealogy of the Śālańkāyana family. (See also Mr. D. C. Sircar's 'Successors of the Sātavāhanas', pp. 59-60, in the Journal of the Department of Letters of the University of Calcutta, Vol. XXVI.)—Ed.]

² While editing the Kollēru plates (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, p. 175), Fleet considered it as a Śālankāyana grant. But subsequently he edited it in Ind. Ant., Vol. IX, p. 100, where he corrected his first mistake by stating that Vijaya-Buddhavarman was a Pallava king and had, therefore, 'no genealogical connection with Vijaya-Nandivarman of the Vēngī grant (Ibid., Vol. V, p. 175) who was of the Śālankāyana götra'. The grant has since been published in this Journal (above, Vol. VIII, p. 143) by Dr. Hultzsch under the caption "the British Museum Plates of Chārudēvī". Dr. Dubrieul and the late Mr. K. V. Lakshmana Rao have, without noticing the subsequent corrections, followed Fleet's original suggestion (Ancient History of the Deccan, p. 89; J. A. H. R. S., Vol. V, p. 27) and this mistake has crept into the writings of Mr. M. S. Sarma (Bhàrati for Raktākshin, Śrāvaṇa), Mr. R. Gopalan (Pallavas of Kāūchī, p. 74) and Mr. K. R. Subrahmaniam (Buddhist Remains of Andhradēśa and Andhra History, p. 89, f. n. 4 and p. 91). Mr. Sarma's placing Hastivarman before Vijaya-Dēvavarman, it may be observed, cannot be accepted since the latter, as stated above, lived during the period when Prākrit was the documentary language before Sanskrit began to be used in inscriptions.

³ Above, Vol. IX, p. 58.

of Jayavarman¹ was the name of the district with its headquarters at Kudūra mentioned in the same plates and in the Amarāvatī Buddhist sculpture inscription.² The district was apparently named after Kudūra the modern Kūdūru in the Bandar taluk of the Kistna District; Chintapura may be identified with Chinnāpuram in the Bandar taluk and Lēkumārī with Lōkamudi in the Kaikalūr taluk of the same district.³

TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 खरिए(खरित) [॥*] विजयवैद्याः [॥*] भगविचनरयसामि
- 2 पादानुष्यातस्य बप्पभद्दारकपाद्भ-
- 3 तस्य ग्रालाङ्गायनस्य महाराजशीविजय-

Second Plate ; First Side.

- 4 स्कन्दवर्माणी [वचनेन कुट्राहा] रिचन्तपुरे
- 5 ग्रामेयका: वक्तव्या: ग्रस्यसाभि[र] स्म-
- 6 त्ल्लगोत्रश्रीयश्रीभवदये [एतस्र]

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 7 मीद्रव्यसगीवाय [ले]कुमारीग्रामवा-
- 8 स्तव्याय शिवार्य्याय सर्व्वपरि[हा]रेण
- 9 सा पिल्लका दत्ता [1*] [तिहिदित्वा भवित्न]: पूर्व-

Third Plate ; First Side.

- 10 मर्यादया साधु प्रेमणा(प्रेम्णा) कर्त्त व्यमिति [।*]
- 11 अपि च स[ब्वी]नियोगनियुत्तायुत्तक-
- 12 विषयपतिमित्रैः सा पन्निका परिहा(ह)र्त्तव्या [।*]

Third Plate ; Second Side.

- 13 प्रवर्द्ध[मान]श्रीविजय[रा]ज्यसंवत्स[रे] प्र-
- 14 धमे वैशाखपी[क्ल]मास्यां दत्ता पष्टिका [॥*]

¹ Above, Vol. VI, pp. 315 ff.

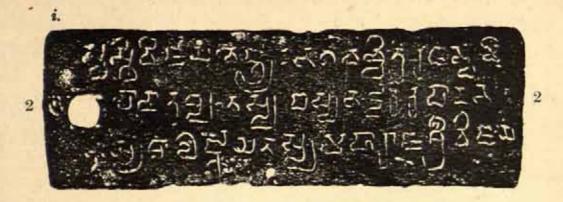
^{*} Lüders' List of Brahmi Inscriptions, No. 1295.

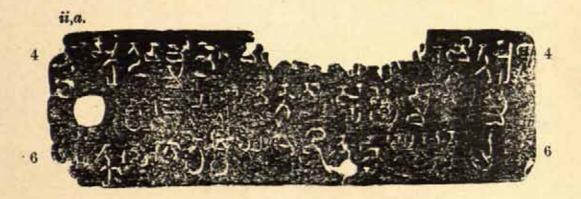
An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1924-25, p. 73.

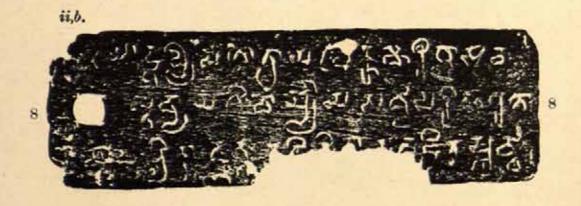
From ink-impressions.

The letters enclosed within the brackets are partly preserved but they can be made out with certainty on the original. [I am not able to read the syllables Kudrā in the impression.—Ed.]

^{*} The letter ra is very much worn out.













Seal.



(From a photograph).

Chakravaris. In the latter re-

15 बहुभिर्व्वसुधा दत्ता बहुभियानुपालिता [।*]

Fourth Plate.

- 16 यस्य यस्य [यदा भूमि]स्तस्य तस्य त[दा]
- 17 फलम् [॥*] षष्टिं वर्षसहस्राणि खर्मी कीड
- 18 [ति भूमिदः] [1*] ब्राचिमा चानुमन्ता च तान्धे- deidw molarib despatation
- 19 वि नरकी वसेत ॥

TRANSLATION.

(Lines 1-5) Hail! From the victorious (city of) Vēngi by the word (of command) of the illustrious Mahārāja Vijaya-Skandavarman, a Sālankāyana, a meditator on the feet of god Chitrarathasvāmin and one devoted to the feet of Bappa-Bhaṭṭāraka (i.e., father), the villagers of Chintapura in Kudrāhāra should be informed thus:

(Ll. 5-9) That small village (pallikā, i.e., Chintapura) has been granted by Us to this (Brūhman) Śivāryya of the Maudgalya-gōtra, a resident of the village Lēkumārī, free from all imposts, for the increase of the prosperity and fame of our family (kula) and clan (gōtra).

(Ll. 9-12) Knowing this, you should behave well (with the donee) with affection as hitherto (pūrvva-maryyādayā). Further, that village should be exempted (from imposts) by all the presiding officers appointed to carry out (Our) command, agents (āyuktaka) and heads of districts.

(Ll. 13-14) The (copper-plate) charter² was issued on the full-moon day of Vaiśākha in the first year of Our ever-increasing, illustrious and victorious reign.

(Ll. 15-19) [Two imprecatory verses are cited here.]

No. 8.—EPIGRAPHICAL NOTES.

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NIBINNĀ AND NIVINĀ.

In the Nibinnā charter of Mahā-Śivagupta edited by Mr. B. C. Mazumdar,³ the name of the gift village is given in two different forms, i.e. (i) Nibindā in 1. 5 and (ii) Nibinnā in 1. 17 of the text.⁴ It is thus evident that even at the time of the charter the name of the village was spelt in two different ways. Though there is no special necessity for it, Mr. Mazumdar reads bi where the original contained only vi, both v and b being indicated in this record only by the sign for v. Consequently the place might also be called Nivindā or Nivinnā. It was attached to the Ganutapāṭa-maṇḍala of the Kōśala-dēśa (text, ll. 4 f.). We are now confronted with a possibility of this village being identical with the village Nivinā the gift of which is recorded in the Nivinā grant of the Śailōdbhava king Dharmarājadēva published by Dr. N. P.

¹ The donee had evidently been introduced to the royal presence at the time of the grant. Cf. etassa.... Ganasammassa (Il. 8-9) of the Ellore Präkrit plates.

² The word paṭṭikā is used in this sense în other copper-plate grants of this early period, viz., the Hīrahadagallī plates (text, l. 51), Mayidavõlu plates (text, l. 28), Koṇḍamuḍi plates (text, l. 40), Maṭṭēpāḍ plates (text, l 14), and Kūdagere plates of Kadamba Śiva-Māndhātrivarman (text, l. 18, above, Vol. VI, p. 14).

³ Above, Vol. XI, p. 95.

^{*} Ibid., p. 96.

Chakravarti.¹ In the latter record Nivinā is stated to be attached to the Khidingahāra-vishaya. But it is likely that this village which was originally attached to this vishaya in Dharmarāja's reign was later on included in the Kōśala-dēśa. Khidingahāra has been identified by Dr. Chakravarti with Khidingi and Nivinā with Nimmina² in the Kudala taluk of the Ganjām District. I think that Ganuṭapāṭa-manḍala or Ganuḍapāṭī-manḍala in which Nibinḍā or Nibinnā of the other charter was situated is identical with Guṇṭhapaḍā, a Zamindari village of the same taluk. Moreover, since the Sonepur Feudatory State attached to the district of Sambalpur is a part of the Chhatīsgarh division which roughly corresponds to the ancient (Southern) Kōśala-dēśa in which Nibinḍā or Nivinḍā (with its variant names) lay and the Ganjām District in which the Nivinā grant of Dharmarāja was found is adjacent to that tract, the possibility of the identity of both the villages is strengthened. This is also confirmed by the form of the name Nivinā in which it occurs in the latter grant.

If the suggested identity could be granted it follows that the gift village Nivinā changed ownership in the interval between the reigns of Dharmarāja and Mahā-Sivagupta and that the latter monarch granted it afresh to a Brāhman of a different family from the original donee's.

Dr. Bahadur Chand Chhabra suggests the identification of the village Nibinnā with Nimna about 15 miles south-east of Binka, a town in the Sonepur State. This is not altogether impossible though we can take it only as an alternative. In this case the headquarters of the Ganutapāṭa-manḍala in which the village was located must be identified with the modern Ganṭapara on the right bank of the river Tēl one of the tributaries of the Mahānadī in the Baud State. (Vide Imp. Gaz. Atlas, 1909, Plate 29, A 4.)

URUVUPALLI.

In the Uruvupalli grant of Pallava Yuvamahārāja Vishņugōpa issued in the reign of Simhavarman (Ind. Ant., Vol. V, pp. 50 f.) the boundaries of the 200 nivartanas of land actually given are enumerated in detail very much in the style of the Reḍḍi copper-plates of a later period. Among these boundaries occur the names of the villages Kaṇḍukūra, Kurupūra, and Koṇḍamuruvuḍu and the river Suprayōgā. The grant was intended for the benefit of the Vishņu-hāra temple founded by the Sēnāpati Vishņuvarman at Kaṇḍukūra. So it is evident that we have to look for the villages mentioned in the grant in the vicinity of modern Kandukūru in the Nellore District. A reference to the taluk map shows that Uruvupalli must be identical with Ulavapāḍu which lies east-south-east of Kandukūru. Of the other villages, Kurupūra would correspond to modern Kared alias Kurvaḍe in the eastern direction of Kandukūru, and Koṇḍamuruvuḍu would be the modern Koṇḍamuḍusupāļem due south of Kandukūru. Since the lands are stated to lie adjacent to those of Kaṇḍukūra, the river Suprayōgā which lay to the south of the giftlands would be identical with the modern Mannēru flowing in a north-easterly direction between Kandukūru and Ulavapāḍu. Ulavapāḍu is a station on the Madras-Calcutta line of the M. & S. M. Railway.

VIRIPARA.

This village in Andhrāpatha (i.e. the Telugu country) the grant of which is recorded in the Prākrit Mayidavolu plates of Śivaskandavarman could not be identified by Dr. Hultzsch. He, however, rightly suggests that it must have been situated near Amarāvatī, (formerly Kistna now)

Above, Vol. XXI, p. 34.

² The List of Villages gives the name as Nimina. There are two villages of this name one in the Khallikota and the other in the Athagada Zamindari of the Ganjām District. The district Map shows also a third Nimina village on the bank of the Mahānadī canal in the Aska taluk.

Guntur District.\(^1\) The plates were found in a $p\bar{a}du$ (old village site) near Mayidavõlu, a village in the Narasaraopet taluk.\(^2\) There can be the least doubt that the gift village Viripara is identical with the modern Vipparla in the same taluk situated at about 8 miles west-north-west of Narasaraopet.\(^2\) It is to be noticed that the village possesses not only some pre-historic remains like dolmens,\(^3\) etc., which prove its great antiquity but also that an inscription of the early Eastern Chalukya king Sakalalökā\(^3\)raya Jayasingha-Vallabha and another of Vishnuvardhana Vijayā-ditya dated in \(^3\). 996 (=A.D. 1074) have been found here.\(^4\) In the former the village is called Vitparti and in the latter Virppara. In still later times it was called Vippara.\(^3\) These facts go to prove definitely that the village mentioned in the copper-plates must be identical with Vipparla.

Dattänuyöga and the village Köläla.

In his article on 'Two Kadamba Grants' (above, Vol. VI, p. 15, n. 6) the expression Dattānuyōga is rendered by Prof. Kielhorn in the sense of an āchārya (anuyōga-kṛit). From the context we must expect the term to refer to a concrete or proper attribute of the donee Dēvasarman and not to a general attribute, viz., an āchārya, especially as the expression occurs between his gōtra and his šākhā. We should therefore naturally expect in the middle of these two epithets a reference to the donee's school of philosophy. We know that Datta is the name of an Upanishad, and the donee must have been a student or professor of that Upanishad.* Dattakasūtras are mentioned in Western Ganga copper-plates.

The land gifted was in the village of Koļāla as read by Kielhorn. It might be read as Kōļāla also in which case there can be no objection to our identifying it with Kōļāla, the Kōļālapura or Kuvalālapura of the Ganga inscriptions and identified with the modern Kolar.

Semponmāri.

In his article on the Sendalai pillar inscriptions (above, Vol. XIII. pp. 134 ff.) Mr. K. V. S. Aiyer notices the mention of Semponmäri as one of the places where king Perumbidugu Muttaraiyan gained his victories. Regarding the identification of the village Mr. Aiyer suggested that it was probably situated in the Pudukköttai State. I would identify it with the village Sembonmäri of the Tiruvadanai taluk of the Ramnad District. The present village is divided into two units one called Kil-Sembonmäri and the other Mel-Sembonmäri.

Tāmbrāpa-sthāna.

This is the place from which the Pallava king Vijaya-Skandavarman issued the Örngödu grant (above, Vol. XV, pp. 250, 251, etc.). This can very well be Dāmaramadugu in the Kovur taluk, Nellore District. Madugu represents a pond and Tāmbrāpa might be the modern corrupt Dāmaramadugu. This lies in the ancient Pallava country and is not very far from Vavvēru where the Vilavatti grant of Sinhavarman* of this family was recently discovered.

- Above, Vol. VI, p. 85.
- 2 Ibid., p. 84.
- Sewell, List of Antiquities, Vol. I, p. 73.
- * 8, I. I., Vol. VI, Nos. 584 to 586.
- * Ibid., No. 588.

^{*[}This argument is not convincing to me. The full name of the Upanishad is Datlâtrêya. Moreover, Detta or Datlâtrêya being a minor Upanishad it is doubtful if proficiency in it should be regarded as a high distinction. I also do not know of any other inscriptions where a donee is mentioned as a student or a professor of a particular Upanishad alone. After gôtra usually comes the present of the donee which is not specified in the present record. Can the expression under consideration not simply mean' who is given to meditation' (anayôga)? It may also be pointed out that the Datlaka-sătra occurring in the Western Ganga copper-plates has been taken to be a work on erotics—see J. B. A. S., 1911, pp. 183 ff.—Ed.]

⁷ See above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 296 ff.

No. 9 .- NALANDA PLATE OF SAMUDRAGUPTA: THE YEAR 5.

BY A. GHOSH, PATNA.

This copper-plate, edited here for the first time, was unearthed at Nälandä in 1927-28 in Monastery Site No. 1, near the copper-plate of Dēvapāla. In 1935 it was transferred to the in Monastery Site No. 1, near the copper-plate of Dēvapāla. In 1935 it was transferred to the Archeological Section, Indian Museum, Calcutta, where it is at present housed. A preliminary note on it was published by Dr. Hirananda Sastri² and it is also summarized by Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar in his List of Inscriptions of Northern India.

The copper-plate measures 101"×9" and weighs 45 tolās. No seal was found along with the plate, but it is not unlikely that one was originally attached to it in that portion of the proper right side of the plate which is now broken. The inscription is neatly engraved and runs to 12 lines, but owing to the much damaged condition of the plate large portions, including nearly the whole of 1. 7, have either broken away or are utterly obliterated. The whole of the text, however, can be restored by a reference to the spurious Gayā plate of Samudragupta* except the place-names and the adjectives of the donee.

The palæography of the inscription shows Gupta forms throughout and has the same features as the early Gupta records, with the exception of y, which is bipartite in the present record. S is of the looped or so-called eastern variety, but sh is unlooped. H is of the same type as appears on the Allahābād pillar inscription of Samudragupta, and presents a contrast to the form that we come across in the central and western records of the age. The average length of letters is \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch. As regards orthography, mention may be made of the use of the upadhmānīya in such cases as utpannah—parama* (I. 4) and ch=ētah=prahhriti (I. 8), the doubling of consonants in sarvva (I. 1, etc.), "mēdh-āharttur-mmahārāja (I. 3), dauhittrasya (I. 4), ttraividya (II. 8 and 9), etc. Another feature, remarkable for the Gupta period, is the indiscriminate use of b and v, as exemplified in viditam bō for viditam vō (I. 6), sambat for samvat (I. 10) and mahāvalādhikrita (I. 11).

The inscription records the grant of two villages to a Brāhmaņa Jayabhaṭṭi by name, who is called traividya in the subsequent lines, by the mahārājādhirāja Samudragupta, whose usual adjectives are given, from the victorious camp at Anandapura in the year 5. The grant was written at the orders of Gōpasvāmin, the akshapaṭalādhikṛita, mahāpilūpati and mahābalādhikṛita. At the end the name of the prince Chandragupta occurs, possibly as the Dūtaka.

I am not sure of one of the names of the villages that were granted: the first is Bhadra-pushkaraka in the Vaiva(?)—,y.-cishaya, while the second is Pā[rnna(?)-nā(?)]ga in the Krimilā-vishaya. Krimilā as the name of a vishaya also appears in the Monghyr grant of Dēva-pāla, where it is stated to have been situated in the bhukti of Śrimagara or Patna.* The same place-name occurs as Krimilā on a Nālandā sealing (Site No. 1, Reg. No. 824), reading Krimilā-

Above, Vol. XVII, pp. 318 ff.

⁴ An. Rep. A. S. I., 1927-28, p. 138.

List of Inscriptions of Northern India, p. 299, No. 2075.

^{*} Ficet, C. I. I., Vol. III, pp. 254 ff.

^{*} Ibid., pp. I ff.

^{*} Cf. Mathura and Sanchi Inscriptions of Chandragupta II, ibid., pl. iii.

² Among the adjectives occurs parama-bhāgarota, which is absent in the Allahābād pillar inscription.

^{*} Above, Vol. XVIII, pp. 304 ff.

vishuya-Kāchāla1-grāmā mahattama-Narasvāminah in 8th century characters. I cannot propose any identification of this place.

The only other copper-plate purporting to belong to Samudragupta² is the Gayā copperplate, but as Fleet pointed out the plate cannot be regarded as genuines on the following grounds: (1) in the genealogical portion of the inscription the adjectives of the king are in the genitive, while the name of the king is in the nominative—which shows that the drafter of the inscription was copying this portion from some grant of one of the successors of Samudragupta, and (2) while some of the letters are antique others are more modern. This shows that there was a deliberate attempt on the part of the scribe to imitate the old script, which also explains the halting nature of the writing; when the difference between the earlier and later forms of a particular letter is only slight, the scribe has betrayed himself, ef. s, in which the right vertical member invariably projects above the upper horizontal member of the letter-a feature which is definitely later than the early Gupta times.

If the present document can be proved to be genuine, it would rank as the earliest record of the Guptas and also the earliest copper-plate grant in Northern India. This fact makes the task of determining the genuineness or otherwise of the grant all the more difficult, as we have no means to ascertain whether it conforms to the genuine records of the age. The two scholars who have previously noticed the record have opined differently, Dr. Sastri rejecting it as spurious and Dr. Bhandarkar leaving the matter open. The question has, therefore, to be considered afresh.

A perusal of the text given below will show that the present record is similar to the Gaya plate in that it has the same ungrammatical construction of the genealogical portion (...uchchhattuh...apratirathasya...prapauttrasya...puttrasya...dauhittrasya...atpannah Samudraguptah). If the plate he regarded as genuine, it is puzzling why the secretariate of Samudragupta should have committed such a silly error in giving the genealogy of its master. I find it difficult to explain away this error as accidental and am, on the whole, inclined to think that the genuineness of the present plate is not above suspicion. This will also explain why the inscription is full of mistakes, e. g., the dropping of pta in Gupta (1. 3), ëshau for ëtau (1. 6), śröttavyam for śrotavyam (l. 8), grapratya for grama-pratyaya (l. 8) and the lengthening of the vowel in ma in niyatam=aqrahar-akshepah (1. 9). One can legitimately expect greater care in a real state document of the mighty Samudragupta. It cannot be denied, however, that the document was forged in early Gupta times, as there is no trace of any late forms in the morphology of the letters. And as the texts of the Nalanda and Gaya plates are mutatis mutandis identical, it is very likely that both of them were copied from some genuine Gupta grant.

2 39 New Acr. No

¹ Or vishyak-Achāla.

^{*} In Curningham's A. S. R., Vol. XIX, p. 60, Garrick speaks of a copper-plate of Samudragupta, said to be in the possession of a Pandit of Benarcs. "The inscription", he adds, " had been sent to Bengal, and therefore I was unable even to get a look at it ".

^{*}R. D. Banerji, on the other hand, says: "The Gaya copper plate of Samudragupta, issued in the 9th year of his reign, was regarded as spurious by the late Dr. J. F. Fleet. When his work was published our knowledge of Indian Epigraphy was not so extensive as it is now. Our knowledge of the form of Imperial Gupta land-grants was limited to the Indor-khera inscribed copper plate of the time of the emperor Skandagupta in 1833. The Natore or Dhanaidaha plate of Kumaragupta I, the six Damodarpur plates of the emperors Kumaragupta I. Budhagupta and Bhanugupta and finally the three Faridpur plates of the kings Dharmaditya and Gopachandra have thrown a flood of light on the procedure of issuing grants of land or deeds recording transfers of the same. In the face of this mass of new evidence it is impossible to believe at the present day that the Gaya copper plate grant of the 9th year of Samudragupta is forged. It cannot be regarded as spurious in the same light as the Sudi. plates and in the writer's opinion it is genuine." (Age of the Imperial Guptae, pp. 7-8.)

The inscription is dated in the year 5, 2nd day of Magha, followed by the word nive (ba)ddha[m*]. So far as I am aware, this word does not appear with a date in any other Gupta record, but is found in some Pratihara grants.1 The date of the Gaya plate, year 9, was referred to the Gupta era by Fleet,2 which would mean that Chandragupta I had died by A. D. 328. If the date of the present record too be referred to the Gupta era, his life is further shortened by 4 years, leaving him a reign of only 4 or 5 years, assuming that the year 5 of the Gupta era was the first regnal year of Samudragupta. It is unlikely that he could have created an empire within such a short time, so that we are forced to meet another alternative that the years are in reality the regnal years of Samudragupta himself. But as the Gupta era is universally regarded as having been established by Chandragupta I, it is difficult to understand why Samudragupta should have reverted to the practice of using regnal years in state documents. Was Samudragupta himself then the author of the Gupta era ? It must be admitted that this conjecture is not primd facie impossible, as the ascription of the era to the first mahārājādhirāja of the dynasty is only a plausible conjecture which does not conflict with any known facts. But if Samudragupta really founded the era, we have to distribute 136 years (A. D. 319 to 455)—on abnormally long period among three generations, viz., Samudragupta, Chandragupta II and Kumaragupta I. We are therefore inclined to think that both being spurious documents, the dates on the Nalanda and Gayā plates need not be taken seriously for historical purposes.

The text given below is transcribed from a set of photographs of the copper-plate kindly supplied to me by the Superintendent, Archaeological Section, Indian Museum. I found that some portions were more legible on another photograph of the plate before it was chemically treated, belonging to the office of the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey of India, Central Circle. In deciphering the text I have received much valuable help from Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, Government Epigraphist for India.

TEXT.

- 1 Om svasti [*] mahā-nau-hasty-asva-jaya-skandhāvār-Anandapura*-vāsakāt-[sa]-rvva-rā[j-ōehehhētt]u[h]=prithivyām-apratirathasya chatur-ndadhi-sah[1-āsvā]-
- 2 dita-yasasō Dhanada-Varun-E(ndr-Ā)ntaka-samasya Kritānta-parasōr-nyāy-āgat-ānēka-gō-hiranya-kōṭi-pradasya chirōtsa[nn-ā]-
- 3 švamēdhs āhasttur=mmab[ārāj]a-sri-Gu[pta*]-prapauttrasya mahārāja-śri-Ghaţōtkachapauttrasya mahārā[jādhi]rāja-śri-Ghan[drag]up[ta]-puttra-
- 4 sya Lichchhavi-dau[hi]ttrasya mahādēvyāń-Kumāradēvyām-uptannah=parama-bhāgavatō [mahārājādhirāja-śri-Samudragu]ptaḥ Vai(!)va(!)-.y.-
- 5 vai[shayika]-Bhadrapushkaraka grāma Krimilā vaishayika Pū[rṇṇa(?)nā(?)]ga grā [mayōḥ brāhmaṇa-purōga]*-grāma-va[la]tkaušabhyā(?)m*=āha [!*]

¹ Cf. Dighwa-Dubauli plate of Mahēndrapāla and A. S. B. plate of Vināyakapāla, Ind. Ant., Vol. XV, pp. 112 and 140.

^{*}Cf. Banerji, loc. cil., p. 8: "According to the established custom to be found in Gupta inscriptions, we should regard the date of the inscription as one expressed in the Gupta era; i.e., it was issued in 328-29 A. D."

Read as Nrigara by Sastri, who evidently reads the portion as skandhavarana(n=)Nripura.

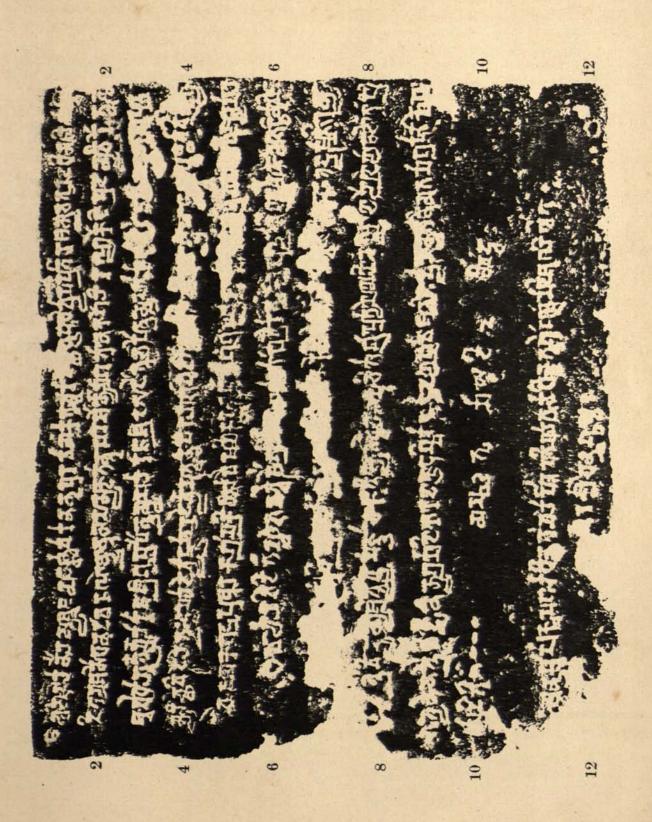
At first mit was written which was then changed into me.

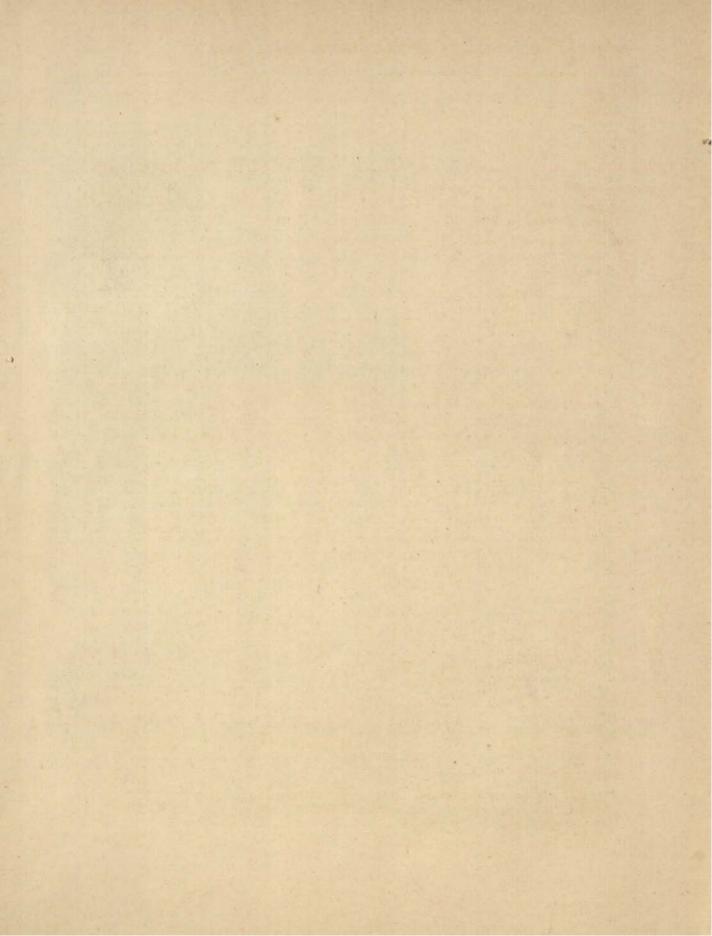
The left extremity of the subscript u of the following letter appears after he and looks like a separate letter.

^{*} Restored from the Gaya plate.

^{*} The word is spelt with she in the Gaya plate. The letter blyd is doubtful both here and in the Gaya plate.

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- 6 Eva ch=ā[rttham] viditam¹ =bō(vō) bhavatv=ēshau(tau) grā[m]au [mayā mā]tā-pittrōr=ā [tmanaš=cha] pu[ny-ābhivriddha]yē Jayabhaţţi-svāminē
- 7² [s-ōpari]kar-ō[ddēśēn=āgra]hā[rat]v[ēn=ātisrish]ṭaḥ tad=yushmā-bhir=a[s]ya
- 8 ttraividyasya śrótta(ta)vyam-ājāā cha kartta[v]yā [sa]rvvē [cha sa]muchitā grā[ma*]-pratyā (pratyayā) mēya-hirany-ādayō dēyā na ch-ētah-pra.*
- 9 bhrity=anēna ttrai[vi]dyēn=ānya-grām-ādi-karada-kuţumbi-[kāruk]-ādaynh=pravēśa[yita]-vyā [a]nyath[ā] niyatam=ā(a)grahār-āk[sh]ēpaḥ
- 10 syād=iti* samba(samva)t 5 Māgha di 2 niva(ba)ddha[th*] [i*]
- 11 [Anya]*-grām-ākshapaṭalādhi[kri]ta-mahāpilūpati mahāva(ba)lādhi[kri]ta Göpasvām[y*]ādēša-likhita[m*] []*]
- 12 [Kumā]ra-śri-Chandraguptah [|*]

No. 10 .- A COPPER-PLATE GRANT OF MUMMUNIRAJA; SAKA 971.

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This set of three plates was first handed over to the Curator, Archeological Section, Prince of Wales Museum, for decipherment by one Hasan Razak, a Muhammadan water-diviner. The Curator after carefully examining these plates kindly passed them on to me for decipherment in details. I am highly obliged to him for the kind permission to edit the same in this journal.

The grant consists of three plates. Each plate is $11'' \times 9'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ in size. The written space in each plate measures $7\frac{1}{4}'' \times 10''$. The first and last plates bear writing on one side only while the second has writing on both the sides. A circular hole of about $\frac{3}{4}''$ in diameter runs through them. The circular ring which holds the plates together, has got a seal (at present with the owner) with the figure of Garuda. The whole grant runs into 94 lines.

The characters are similar to those found in the other Silähära copper-plates of the same period. However, they differ to some extent from those in the Ambar Nätha temple stone inscription of the time of Māmvāṇi dated Saka 982,4 the chief reason of the difference being either the roughness of the material or possibly the inefficiency of the engraver.

The language of the grant is Sanskrit. As regards orthography, a consonant following t is sometimes doubled and sometimes left single, e.g., Kaparddi (1. 8), sranga, märgga (1. 13), karmunani (1. 15), samvarddhanād (1. 29) as against dör-danda (1. 17), yathārtha (1. 20), Nāgārjana (1. 31), etc. The dental sibilant is often used for the palatal one (Il. 8, 9, etc.), but in certain cases what has been read as s may be a badly written s.

In the benedictory verses Gaņēša and Šiva are invoked. The genealogy begins with the well known mythical story of Jīmūtavāhana, the son of Jīmūtakētu, who offered himself as a prey to Garuda in place of the scrpent Šamkhachūda.

^{*}There is a hole due to damage over to which in the photograph looks like an gausedra.

^{*}The portion that is lost here no doubt contained adjectives of the dones, of which one must have been training, as he is referred to in the following lines.

^{*} The Gaya plate reads no ch-Hat-probbrity= etc.

^{*} After this follow four short horizontal strokes.

^{*}Restored from the Gaya plate. D. R. Bhandarkar conjecturally reads Nalanda. [In the present record the second syllable seems to be su.—Ed.]

^{*} J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, pp. 329 f.

In his family was born Kapardin (I) who was adventurous like Sāhasārāka¹ and was the forehead-mark (tilaka) of the Silara line. His son Pulasakti who was well versed in politics and who conquered his enemies is then mentioned.2

Next comes his son Laghu-Kaparddl. He is described in the usual poetical and vague manner. His son Vappuvanna is next mentioned in the usual way. His son Jhanjha is then mentioned. That he erected twelve Siva temples is particularly mentioned here as in the Kharepātan plates.

Nothing particular is said of his brother Goggiraja and his son Vajiada, except that the former was valorous like Bhīshma, Drōņa and Arjuna. Vajjada's son Aparājita who was benevolent, truthful and brave is then mentioned. He is given the title Saranagata-vajrapaajara and the record particularly mentions the facts that he helped a king named Gomma, and made firm the rule of Aivapadeva. He is also said to have protected Bhillama and two other kings whose names seem to be Amma and Manamvuva. His son Vajjadadeva (II) and his younger brother Arikësarin are then mentioned.4 The latter had been on a pilgrimage to the temple of Somesvara.

Then his nephew Chhittaraja (son of Vajjada II) is mentioned as in other inscriptions. Next comes his younger brother Nagarjuna.7 His younger brother Mummuni is then mentioned.* He vanquished his foes and ruled over 1,400 villages the chief of which was Puri. At the time of this grant his Mahamatya was sri-Daddapaiya and the Mahasandhivigrahika sri-Vitthapaiya, who along with other officers were in charge of the Seikarana. The writer of the document was Nagalaiya.

The grant was given on Friday, Suddha 15, Bhadrapada in the year 971 of the Saka era, corresponding to Tuesday the 20th August 1049 A.D.38 There was a lunar eclipse at that time.

* The Kharepatan plates, Saka 1016 (Ind. Ast., Vol. IX, p. 33) also do not give any further information about this prince. His adventurous nature might have enabled him to be a valuable lieutenant of the Rashtrakuta Emperor Gövinda III and hence he might have been his feudatory ruling over North Konkan (Altekar, Indian Culture, Vol. II, p. 403).

The Kaphēri inscriptions of Amoghavarsha, Saka 765, describes Pullašakti as a Rāshtrakūta feudatore and lord of the Konkap, ruling in Puri (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 134-36).

The Kanheri inscriptions of Amoghavarsha, Saka 775 and 709 (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 134 ff.), describe Kapardin (II) as the Rashtrakuts feudatory and master of Konkan.

* The Bhandap plates (Ind. Ant., Vol. V. p. 277, Il. 7, 8) describe him as bhavanathurira and name him Ghayuvanta but on comparing the reading (in facsimile, Asiatic Researches, Vol. I, p. 313) Vappuvanna scems to be the right name as has already been suggested by Bühler.

3 These names are also found in the Khāropātan plates. Nowhere else do we meet with the verse containing these names. This Bhillams might be the same as Bhillams II of whom we know from his Sangamner plates. Saka 922 (above, Vol. II, p. 272). The Bhadans plates of Aparajita, Saka 919 (above, Vol. III, p. 272), give him the title of Mrigamka.

According to Bhandap plates, the word agraja would go with Arikesarin. But on the evidence of other documents Vajjada was the elder brother of Arikësarin. The Vadavalli plates of Aparaditya, Saka 1049 (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XXI, p. 508), confirm this.

He is mentioned in the Khārepātan and Vadavalli plates. Altekar's suggestion (Indian Culture, Vol. II. p. 410) that he died before Chhittaraja seems to be baseless.

For another spelling, Mämväni, cf. J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, p. 329.

According to the Ambar Natha temple inscription (ibid., pp. 329-30) there officers in Saka 982 were different.

10 Indian Ephemeris, Vol. III, p. 101. [The corresponding date in Christian era is Tuesday the 15th August (not the 20th which was a Sunday and when there was no Junar eclipse), A.D. 1049, when there was a lunar sellpase. The week day seems to read Suts and not Sukre as Mr. Upadhyaya reads. Probably Suts here stands for Mahisula (Tuesday) .- Ed.]

The village granted was Kiichchhita. It was in the Mandaraja district. To the east there was the śri-Énara¹ hill and rivulets running from it. To the north was the Nimvä village, to the west the Mātara village and to the south the Sāmvīna river. None of these places can be identified at present.

The grant was made to twelve Brahmins (a list of whom is given below) to enable them to carry on their religious duties. Among the donees there were Brahmins who had emigrated from Gauda, Madhyadēša and Lāṭa. They belonged to various götras and śākhās. Some of these names are given in the vernacular ending in aiya. The grant contains towards the end the approval of Mummunirāja, son of Vajjadadēva.

List of the Brahmin donees.

Name.	Father's name.	Country of origin.	Götra.	Sakha.
Koko Pandita	Pitāmaha	Gauda	Sandilya .	Kauthuma.
Dévadhara Dikshita ,	Yajna Dikshita	Mumjasthāna in Madhyadēša.	Vatsa	Bahvricha.
Dāmēdara	Kessiya Dikshita		Bhāradvāja .	Mādhyandina.
Sūdansiya	Somesvara Upādhyāya .	****	Bhārgava .	Bahyricha.
Dămōdara	Sūdana Dūcshita	Bhrigukachcha in Latadesa.	Upamanyu .	pri jen to
Nārāyaņa	Dāmödara Upādhyāya .	SHOTE SOUTH STATES	Ātrēya	Rāṇāyanī.
Srlpati	Kelava	BERTH BERTH	Kusika	Bahyricha.
Sripati	Dugaiya	****	Ātrēya	L
Kanakéévara	Věláditya	1197	Jamadagni .	
Velaiya	Dighaiya	THE PROPERTY AND	Ātrēya	Director 1
Sarvvaděvalya	Isvara	Whatever said	Lökülraha .	Yajfia.
Vitthapalya	Södhalaiya	- ame	Ātrāya	Bahvricha.

TEXT.

[Metres:—Anushjubh, vv. 1, 2, 11, 12, 19, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38; Vasantatilakā, 3, 4, 5, 15, 18, 39; Prithet, 6; Šārdālavikrīdita, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 20; Sragdharā, 8; Giti, 13; Indravajrā, 17, 20, 33; Mālinī, 21, 22; Vamšasthavila, 23; Šālinī, 32.]

First Plate.

- 1 ॐ जयसाभ्युदयस ॥ लभते सर्व्वकार्येषु पूजया गणना यकः । विश्नं निव्नसा वः
- 2 पायादपायाज्ञणनायक: ॥[१॥*] स वः पातु धिवो निर्त्यं यसीनी भाति जाज्ञवी । समेकसि^३खन

^{1 [}See p. 62 n. 3 below.-Ed.]

^{*} Denoted by a symbol.

¹ Read Hikhardo.

- दयाल्जीभृतवाहन रीहच्छटच्छचटकलीयमा' ॥[२॥"] जीस्तर्कत्तनयो नियतां इति विजगलसिंहः ॥(।)
- टेडविज' दणमिवाकलयन्य'रार्खे यो रचति स्म गर्डात्सलु सं(म)खचडम् तस्यान्वये निस्त्रिनभूप-।
- 5 तिमीलिभूतरब्रदातिक्क्रितिनिर्मलपादपीठ: । श्रीसाइसांक दव साइसिक: सीलारवंस(श)- 1º
- तिलको तृपतिर्व्व(व्व)भूव ।[।४॥*] तन्त्रादभूच तनयः पुलम(ग)जिनामा सम: सुरगुकदितराजनीत: ।
- संगरम्खेखिलवैरिवर्गात्रःकंडकं जगति राज्यमकारि ततोपि ममभूताती नृप-॥
- 8 सि(शि)रोविभूषामणि:। मितः सृणिरिवापरोरिकरिणां कपर्दी लघ्वः । यदीययम(श्)-सा जगत्यतिश-
- येन सु(श्र)क्रीक्रते न भाति सुरवारणो न च ससी(श्रशी) न दुग्धास्त्र(स्त्र)धिः ा[।६॥*] तस्त्राट्प्यभविद्यभूतिपदवीपाख[®] पावत्री¹⁰- ।⁵
- 10 ज्ञताशिषज्ञावलयो मन्नीपतिलकः श्रीवप्वनः सृतः । संग्रामांगणरंगिणासिलतया लवैक"दन्ता
- इठालार्वे येन विनायका विरचिता विदेषिणां दन्तिनः 1 1011 स्तान्जो12 र[ज*]निकर इवानंदिताथी-
- दिवसकर इव ध्वस्तनि:सं(श)षदीय: ॥(i) सं(शं)भोर्यी 12 वजीकग्राच्यः व्योद्यंग्रगजो हादसा(गा)वि व्यरच-।

¹ Read chandra.

³ Read niyatam.

Bead dehamnijam.

⁴ Read para".

Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.]

Danda or dandas unnecessary.

¹ Read nirjitya.

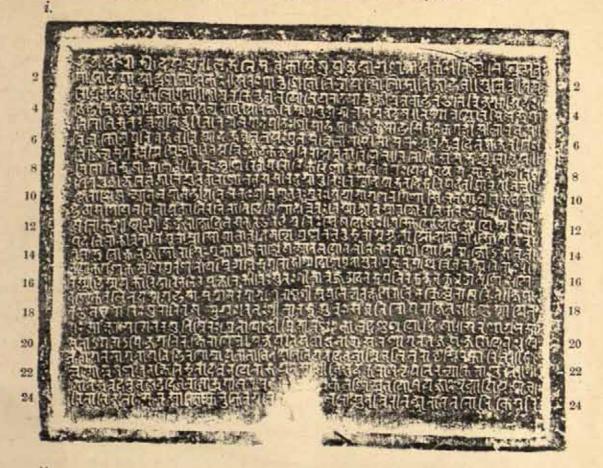
Read nishkuntakam

^{*} Read pătrum.

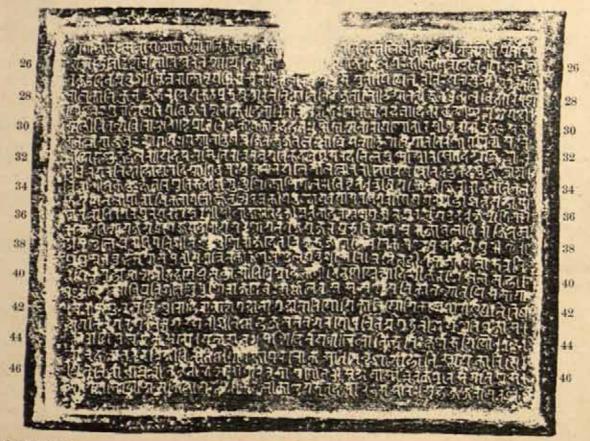
¹⁸ Read paritri".

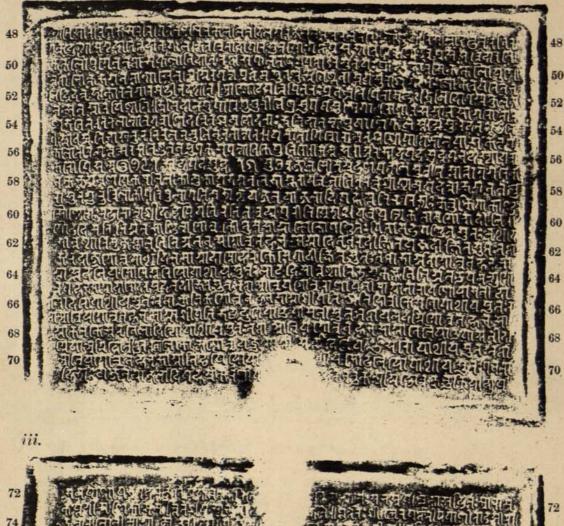
¹¹ Read lün-nika".

¹⁹ Read "estanajo.



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SIGISIEIMI GESIA त्याराड्का च ग ने वे बेडा छ वि कि सब दे कि बेचा च के ति है कि यावशानदायस्मिनिद्यादा निन्नायास्यायाः वरीयान् लानाभनपन् यान्यदेवानान त्ति । दिसंस् निर्मा भिन्न क्या कि उन्स्थिति । प्राप्ति स्वाप्ति । सा गोल्या यत्त्री (म इति निर्माननी (पास्त्र) दिन्दी कि विश्वाति । सा विद्वाता विद्वाता विद्वाता । तिका विद्वाति (प्राप्ति के प्राप्ति) इत् स्वाप्ति । अधिक विद्वाता । स्वाप्ति । स्वाप्ति । स्वाप्ति । स्वाप्ति तः विधियनिष्ठं रेशांत्राम् अर्थाते स्वाम पार्यमः गणिस्य वर्षाणीयस्थाति । १२७२ ता स्वयति स्वर्धाता विभागति । वर्षात्राम् स्वर्धात्राम् स्वर्धात्राम् स्वर्धात्राम् । ज्ञानासाद्वर तित्वकाना वाषादादा

- 13 यदचिराकोत्तेनानि खनामा सोपानानीव मन्ये प्रगततन्भता (नाम्) । पा भी भाता तव ।²
- ततस्ततोज्व(ज्ज्व)लजसो(यशो)गसि:(शि:) प्रकासी(शी)क्रताश्रवस्थावलयो व(व)लवतां यौगोगिराजोऽभवत ।
- चपा कर्षणकर्माण प्रवणतां यिमानाते भूपतो भीषाद्रोणप्रवासुतप्रस्तयश्चित्ते चम-15 त्वारिता: ॥ धा*
- 16 तसादिस्मयकारिहारिचरितपचात कीर्तिः श्रीमान्वज्ञडदेवभूपतिरभूद्भचक्रचुडा-सुत: मणि: । दी-
- 17 देगडैकव(व)लेन यस्य सहसा संग्रामरंगांगणे राज्यवी: स्वयमेत्य वज्रसि राति⁸ चक्रो मरारेखि ॥ १०॥ * जयं-।7
- त इव व्रवारे: पुरारिव प्रमुख: । तत: श्रीमानभृत्युत: ॥ ११॥ * वण्णंस्यागेन
- यः माचात्मत्येन च युधिष्ठिरः । प्रतापाद्दीप्तिमात्तेग्डः कालदग्डच यो दिषां(षाम) ॥ [१२॥*] स(श) रणागतसा-
- मता (पराऽपि जगित रचिता येन । स जयित यथार्थनामा संरणा गतवज्ञ पंजरा देव: ।[1१३ *] ये-
- न खागतमागताय विहितं गोम्माय नानाविधं येनैवैयपरेवनािन स्थिरं कारितं(तम) ॥(1) भि-1
- बमाममण्ब्विचितिस्तां दत्तं च येनाभयं तस्य श्रीवि(बि)क्दंकरामनृपतिरन्या(न्यत्) किमावि* रेर्ण्(गर्य)ते ॥ [१४॥ *] श्री-
- मानभूत्तदनु वज्जडदेवनामा भूपालमस्तकमणिस्तनयो नयन् :[1*] श्रदापि यस्य च-17
- 24 रितानि जनाः समस्ता रोमांचकंचुिकतगावलता[:] स्तुवन्ति ॥[१५॥*] तङ्गाताय ततोरिकेमरि-

¹ Read tasya.

² Danda or dandas unnecessary.

³ Read chāpā°.

⁴ Some Šīlāhāra records have sarvvē tiraskāritāh.

⁵ Read prakhyāta-.

⁸ Read ratim.

⁷ Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

⁸ Read Purarēr=iva.

⁹ Read sāmantā.

¹⁰ Read aparē api, the absence of sandhi being in favour of the metre.

¹¹ Read śaranā°.

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- 25 ऋषो जात: सतां समातो हप्तारातिकुलाचलेकदलने दंभीलिलीलां दधत् । गत्वा सेव'एव से- ।
- 26 न्यसहितो दृष्टा च सोमेख(अ)रं तस्याग्रे पितुराच्या जगदलं यः कोलायित्वा।-गतः ॥ १६॥ तहाळजो
- वळाडटेवसनः योच्छित्तराजो तृपतिवे(वे)भव ॥(١) सीलारवंसः(ग्रः) सिस्(ग्रिग्र)-नापि येन नीतः परामुबतिमुबतेन ।[११७॥] लं-
- 28 वा(वा)लकानि कुचकंभतटोपकंठप्रश्रष्टचारलतिकानि निरंजनानि ॥(1) उत्खानतीत्त्वा-कं(क)रवालविदारितस्य
- 29 योऽन्त:पुराणि परिपंधिजनस्य चले ॥[१८॥*] इतारिनारीनेवांभः सेकसम्बर्डनादिव । व(व) धागडमगडपं य- ।
- य कीर्त्तिवल्य(इय)धिरोहित ॥[१८॥*] इप्तारातिषु कोपकालदहनः सीभाग्यनारायणी 30 वारसी(स्त्री)प ततीनुजः सम-
- भवनागार्जनः च्यापितः । यस्यामानुषसृजितं भुजव(व)सं द्रशिवसत्या दिषां निटातीव रणांगणव्यसनि-
- 32 नी दोईण्डकट्सता ।[1२०॥*] यदसमसि(ग्रि)विरान्तर्भत्तगंधभदानप्रसरदनिसस्(ग्र)ध्यसो-तसी दिसानिन्छा: ।
- 33 अरिनगरनिदाहोहामदिग्यापिधमप्रसरभयनिमीनश्लोचना नोन्मियन्ति ।[1२१॥] तदन तदनुजका सू-
- 34 सिंभाक्योनकेतुः चतरप्रविभवोभुक्यम्मणिचोणिपासः । विद्यते धसुषि यक्तिस्वाजिनीरा-जनांति व(व) ल-

^{*} Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

⁹ Read kilagite".

⁴ The syllable of in warf should oridinarily be short.

¹ Read "m:Grijitam.

^{*} Read "n-nilomyz.

^{*} Read -kundülatà.

Read -ripu-.

^{*} Read -vidhrila -.

- 35 भिद्रिप व(व)लोयान्वार्षिकं चापमीन्मत् ॥[।२२॥*] अय स्वकायपुर्खोपचया 'समिध-गतास्(श्री)षपंचमहाग्रव्य(व्द्र)महा-॥*
- 36 सामन्ताधितगरपुरवरमेख(त्र)स्त्रासीनाहारनरेन्द्रजीसृतवाहनान्वयप्रस्तसुवण्येगक्डध्वजाभि-सान-
- 37 महोद्धित्यागजगर्जापद्यंपडाचायंस(ग्र)रणागतवच वंजरप्रश्वतिसमस्तराजावलीविराजितस-
- 38 चामण्डलेख(ख)राधिपतिश्रामन्मुम्मुणिराजदेव(वा) निजभुजोपाज्जित(ता)नेकमण्डलसप्टि-तपुरी-॥*
- 39 प्रमुखचतुर्दस(य)पामस(य)तोसमन्वितकोकंणमण्डलयनु यासति । तथैतदीयराज्यचिन्ता-भर(भारं) नि-
- 40 — " महामात्ययोदपैय(य)महामाविधियहिकयोविहपैयेत्वादियोकरणे स च मचा- ।
- 41 मण्डलेख(क्व)राविपतियोमस्मिन्सिणराजदेव: सर्वानेव स्वसम्व(क्व)ध्यमनिकानेन्यान-वि समागा-
- 42 मिराजपुत्र संतिपुरोहितामात्वप्रधानाप्रधाना(न)नियोगिकानियोगिकांस्त्या राष्ट्रपतिविध-
- 43 यपतिनगरपतितगरपतीं व । 10 तथा इंजमननगरपौरिववर्गप्रस्तीं व प्रणतिपूजास- ।
- 44 त्यारादेस(ग्र)पूर्वकं संवो(बो)धयंत्यस्तु वः । भि सस्विदितं यया ॥ चला विभूतिः चणभंगि योवनं क्ष-। ।
- 45 तान्तदन्तांतरवर्ति जीवितं(तम्) । तयाव्यवज्ञा परलोकसाधने नृणामहो विस्मयकारि चे-।
- 46 ष्टितं(तम्) ।[।२३॥*] तथा चान्तवानिजराराचसीप्रारव्य(व्य)पासं योवनं ।10 स्वर्मा-वासावरकपातसमसिष्टस- ।7
- 47 मागमवियोगमवियोगदुःखं । 10 कदलीकाण्डगर्भवदसारः संसार: 110 सहजजरामरण-

¹ Rend "ydt-mmadhi".

^{*} Here two strokes have been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

Read "dhipati.

⁴ Mark of punctuation unnecessary. There is inscribed a cales before this which is redundant.

⁵ Read "m=unu".

^{*} These three letters cannot be read definitely.

² Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

^{*} Read *mānakān=.

^{*} Read sugara- and correct it into grama-.

¹⁰ Danda unnecessary.

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- 48 व्याधिसाधारणकं स(य)रीरं। पवनचलितकमिलनीदलगतजललवतरले धनायुषीति-(षी इति) मत्वा इदतरविर-
- 49 तिवुष्या(बुख्या) संग्रह्मतेच्छदानफलं । कतचेताडापरेसु(षु) तपोन्धर्ये प्रस्(श)स्त्रते । सुनयोऽव प्रसं(शं)सन्ति दानमे-।
- 50 कं कर्ली युगे' [॥२४॥*] न तथा सफला विद्या न तथा सफलं तप: । यथाऽच सुनय: प्राइदोनमेकं कर्ली युगे ।[।२५॥*]
- 51 तथा चीतं भगवता व्यासेन । चम्नेरपत्यं प्रथमं सुवर्णं भूवेंचावी स्थैस्तास गावः । लीकच्यं तेन भ-
- 52 विडि दत्तं यः कांचनं गां च महीं च ददात् ।[१२६॥*] चास्फीटयन्ति पितरः प्रवलान्ति पितामक्ताः । भूमिदीष'स्मकुली'जा-
- 53 त: स नस्ता(न: संता)रियधित ।[२०॥*] भूमिदान सुपाचेषु स्तीर्थेषु सुपर्धेसु । धगाधारा पारमंसारसागरीतार-
- 54 गां भवेत् ।[१२८॥] धवलान्धातपत्राणि दन्तिनय सदोहताः [1*] भूमिदानस्य पुषाणि फलं खर्मोसुरदतः! ।[१२८॥*] इति
- 55 धर्माधर्माविचारचतुरचिरंतनसुनिवचनान्यवधार्यं सातापित्रोरात्मनद्य श्रेयोर्थिना सया स(श)कनृप-
- 56 कालातीतसम्बलस्म(श)तेषु नवसु एकसप्तत्वधिकेषु विरोधी(धि)सम्बस्तस्)रा[न्त*]गीत-भाद्रपदस्(श्र)दर्पचदस्वां(श्वां) यद्वां-
- 57 क्लोपि सम्बत्¹⁰ ८७१ भाइपदस्(ग्र)ड १५ ¹¹सक्रे संजान(त)सोमग्रहणपर्व्याण स्तीर्वे स्नात्वा गगनैक-

¹ Danda unnecessary.

^{*} Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

The first pada of this #16ka does not conform to the ordinary rules of Annehrubh.

⁴ This letter is redundant.

^{*} Read "amat-kule.

^{*} This letter of is redundant.

^{*} Read "ttårasam.

^{*} Read pushpani.

^{*} Read sourgab Purandara.

¹⁰ Mark the way of writing t in the plate.

¹¹ Read Sukri. [See p. 54 n. 10 above.-Ed.]

- 58 चक्रच्डामणये कमलिनीकामुकाय भगवते भास्कराय न(ना)नाविधरब्रमाध्यमध्ये दत्वा(च्वा) भगवंतं सु-
- 59 रासुरगुर्श विलीकोपतिसुमापतिसभ्यर्च यजनयाजनादिषद्वसीनिरतेभ्यः ऋतुक्रियाकाण्ड-
- 60 ग्रीखडेभ्यः सज्ञामात्वश्रीदर्पैयविर्णातत्र(ब) ब्रापुरीविष्टेभ्यः । यज्ञप्रत्येकं नासगीता-दीनि ॥
- 61 गोडरेस(य)विनिर्मातमा(या)गिडल्यगोवकोयुमसाखा(याखः) कीकोपगिडतः पितामस-पण्डितसुतः मध्यरे-
- 62 सा(गा)न्तव्याति मुंजस्थानविनिम्मेतवसमोत्रव(व) ह्रचसाखा(ग्राख:) देवधरदीचित[:] यज्ञ-दीचितसुत: तथा
- 63 भरदाजगोतमाध्यंदिनसाखा(गाखः) दामोदर्[:*] जैसैयादीचितसुतः तथा भागीवगोत-व(व)हृचसा-
- 64 खा(शाखः) स्दवैय सोमेख(का)रेयोपाध्यायस्तः लाटदेसान्तव्याति भगुक ऋविनिर्मातउप-मन्युगी-
- 65 वव(व) त्रृचसाखा(गाखः) दामीदर[:*] स्दनदीचितस्तः तथा चावेयगोवराणायनीमा-खा(गाखः) नारायणोपासनी दा-
- 66 मोदरोवाध्य।यसुत: तथा कुसि(शि)कगोत्रव(व)कृचसाखा(शाख:) श्रीपति[:*] सम्बिहीती केस(श)वोपाध्यायसुत: त-
- 67 या चात्रेयगोत्रव(व)हृचसाखा(गाखः) श्रीपतिभद्द[:*] दुगैयाउपासनीसृतः तथा य(ज)-मद्गिगोत्रव(व)हृचसाखा-
- 68 (ग्राखः) कनकेस्व(श्व)र्[:*] विलादित्योपाध्यायसुतः तथा भावेयगीवव(व)हृचसाखा-(ग्राखः) विलेयाउपासनी दी-
- 69 वैयाचिनहोबोस्तः तया लोकाचगीवयत्रमाखा(शाखः) सर्वदेवैय ईस(खा)रीपाध्याय-स्तः तया
- 70 बाबेयगीवय(व)ह्चसाखः(ग्राखः) विह्वैयीपाध्याय[:*] मोढलेयोपाध्यायसुतः एवमाः
- 71 दिभ्य: यजनयाजनादिषद्वमीकरणाय व(व)लिचरकश्र(का)स्निहोतकतुकियायुप-

¹ Read "ntabpāti. [What has been read as sh may be the upadhmāniya sign.-Ed.]

Third Plate.

- 72 समर्प्यणाय च मंदरजविषयां ति:पाति कि इच्छिताग्रामः समस्तपन्निकासहितः श्राराम-
- कप्तगीसणिका समन्वतश्च [1*] यस्य चाघाटनानि ॥ पूर्वतः श्रीएनर पर्वतीय-पाणीवाडमीमा ॥
- 74 उत्तरतो नौस्वाग्रामसीमा ॥ पश्चिमतो मातरग्रामसीमा ॥ दक्षिणत: सास्विनन- ॥
- 75 दी सीमा । एवं चत्राघाटनीपलिचतः खसीमापर्थन्तः महणकाष्ठीदकीपेतः पर्व-दत्तदेवदायव(ब) ह्यदा-
- 76 यवर्ज: अनादेख:(भ्य:) अनासेध्य: सम्बाद्यां सानद्रमापंचदग्रस(ग)तग्रा(ता)यस्थान[:*] यवांकती- ॥4
- 77 पि दुन्मा: १५०० पर्व्यतिचितिसमकालीनं याचंद्राके यावददकातिसमीण भत्या
- 78 सा(शा)सन[न*] प्रतिपादित: । तद्यं(देषां) भंजता भोजयतां कृषतां कर्षयतास्वा न केनापि परिपंथना करणी-
- 79 या । यदकं प्रातनमहामुनिभिः । व(ब) हिभव्यस्था भुका राजभिः सगरादिभिः । यस्य यस्य यदा भूमि- 15
- स्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्। [1३०॥*] सद्यो दानं निरायासं सायस⁶ टीर्घणल-नं(नम) । अत एव मनयः प्रहु दीनाच्छेयोनुपा-
- 81 ननं(नम) ।[३१॥*] दत्वा(त्वा) भूमिं भाविनः पार्थिवेन्द्रान्ध्यो भूयो याचते रामभदः । सामान्धोयं धर्मासेतुर्नराणां का-
- ले क(का)ले माननीयो भव[क्कि:] ।[।३२॥*] यानीह दत्तानि पुरा नरेंद्रैर्हानानि धमार्थे⁸ यस(श)स्त्रराणि । निर्मात्यवान्तप्र-

¹ Read °dy-ut sarppanāya.

² Reading is doubtful. [Reading appears to be ārāmaka-pūgī-khani(ni)kā.—Ed.]

^{3 [}Reading seems to be \$ri-Nera.-Ed.]

⁴ Here two strokes have been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

⁵ Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

^{*} Read s-āyāsam.

⁷ Read ata eva= rshayah or evam tu munayah prahur= as in other inscriptions.

⁸ Read dharmm-artha ..

- 83 तिमानि तानि को नाम साधुः पुनराददोत ॥[३३॥*] इत्यवधार्य समागामिभिन्ट-पतिरन्धैर्वी धर्मापालनफललो-
- 84 भ एव करणीय: । न पुनस्तक्षीपनपापकलंकाग्रेसरेण केनापि भवितव्यं । एवम-भ(भ्य) थितोपि लोभाटजान-
- 85 तिमिरपटलाव्व(व)तमितराच्छिंदादाच्छिदामानादनुमोदयित । स्वयं च महापातकैरप-पातकैर्वा लिप्यते ।
- 86 रीखमहारीखांधतमिस्रादिनरकांश्विरमनुभविष्यति । उक्तं खदत्तां परदत्ताम्वा यो
- इरेइ(इरेत व)संधरां । स विष्ठायां क्रिमभूत्वा क्रिमिशः विन्धारवीष्वतीयास स्(ग्र)ष्ककीरखासिन: ।
- 88 [म] हाइयो हि जायन्ते भूमिदायं हरन्ति ये ॥[३५॥*] गामिकां वा भूमेरप्येकमंगुलं हरवरकमा-॥3
- म्रोति यावदाह्नतसंप्रवं(वम्) ।[।३६॥*] श्रारामाणां सहस्रेण तडागानां स(ग्र)तन च [।*] गवां कोटिप्रदानेन भूमि-।
- 90 इर्ता न सु(ग्र)ध्यति ।[३०॥*] षष्ठिर्व्वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गे तिष्ठति बाच्छेता चानुमन्ता च तान्धेव नरके 16
- विशेत् [।३८॥] — — ॥ सहंस(श)जा[: पर*]महौपतिवंस(श)-जा वा पापादपेतमनसो भवि भाविभूपाः ।
- 92 ये पालयन्ति सस धर्मासिस(मं) समस्तं तेषां सया निरतीं जलिरेष सूर्धा ॥ अह ॥ *> ययाचैतदेवं दाप- ।
- 93 को लेखकइस्तेन स्वकीयमतनारोपयति । मतं सम महामण्डलेख(अ)राधि-[पति*] श्रीमन्यस्मृणिरा-।
- 94 जदेवस्य महामण्डलेख(य)राधिपतियोमहळाडदेवसूनो: । लिखितं चैतन्नागलैयेनिति ॥ छ ॥

¹ Read -nripatibhir=anyair=vā.

² Read omānam=anuo.

³ Here two strokes have been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

⁴ Here a stroke has been used to show that the word is continued in the next line.

⁸ Read shashtim varsha -.

⁶ Danda unnecessary.

⁷ About seven letters are indistinct here.

^{*} Read virachitō=mijalir=.

No. 11.-TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I.

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Tiruppuvanam, a village in the Sivaganga Zamindari of the Ramnad District and a station on the Madura-Rāmnād section of the South-Indian Railway, is situated on the south bank of the river Vaigai, called Vegavati in Sunskrit. It is 12 miles south-east of Madura and 16 miles west of Sivaganga. The Pushpavanësvara temple of the village is an ancient one; it is celebrated in the hymns of the three Tamil Saiva saints Tirujñānasambandha, Appar and Sundaramūrtti-Nāyaṇār.2 Invited by Kulachchirai-Nāyaṇār, the Pāṇḍya minister, and Mangaiyarkkarasi, a Chōla princess and queen of the Pāṇḍya king known in Tamil literature as Nelvēli-pērvenraninrasīr-Nedumāran, saint Tirujnānasambandha is said to have gone to Madura, and to have overcome the Jainas under whose influence the king had become a staunch supporter of their cause. He brought the king back to the Saiva faith, and on this occasion, after accomplishing the mission for which he was sent, the saint, accompanied by Nedumaran, his queen and minister, visited thirteen other places in the Pandya country which were held sacred by the Saivas and sang hymns on them.3 From the hymns on Tiruppuvanam, it is gathered that it was, in those days, a flourishing city with palatial buildings, fine gardens and broad streets and contained residences of wealthy families of weavers.4 The Siva temple of the place is stated in the hymns to have been worshipped by 'the three kings of the South', i.e., the Chēra, Chōla and Pāṇḍya.* Sundaramurti-Nayanar is also stated to have visited the place in company with the three contemporary sovereigns of the same three families.* The Pandya king of his time, we are told, was a son-in-law of the Chola. It was at a spot near the city of Tirupp@vanam that the Jainas had been impaled in the days of Maravarman, the victor of the Nelveli.

The Tiruppüvanam temple is in possession of twelve copper-plates leaves. Having learnt through the kind offices of the Brahmin lady trustee of the Tiruppüvanam temple residing in Madura, that the plates in question are safely preserved in the karivalam of the temple, I went to the place and made a fruitless attempt to get the plates for comparing the published text and correcting it in situ. Frustrated in my endeavour I wrote to the Government Epigraphist for India to obtain the plates on loan and take their impressions and supply me with one set of them for editing the inscription in the Epigraphia Indica. He took prompt action on my

¹ Sewell's List of Antiquities, Vol. I, p. 298.

¹ Tirujñānasambandha has contributed 'Aguigār paņalam' 11 verses and 'Mādamar mēnigaņāgi' 11 verses, while Appar has sung 'Vadirēru tiriāulam' 11 verses. Of Sundaramūrtti's decade of verses, two are lost; the first verse of his padigam commences with 'Tiruvadalgār'.

³ These fourteen places are Tiruvālavāy, Tirupparankunram, Tiru-Āppanūr, Tiruvādagam, Tirupputtūr, Tirukkodunkunram, Tirukkānappēr, Tiruppūvanam, Tiruchehuliyal, Tirukkurrālam, Tiru-Nelvēli, Tiruvirāmēšvaram, Tiruvādānai and Tiruppunavāšal.

^{4 &#}x27; Terar vidi māda-nidu ten-Biruppāvaņamē'.

⁵ Muraiyan mudi-bêr Tennar Sêrar Sölarga-dâm vanangum tiraiyar-oli-bêr bemmaiy-öngu tan-Riruppünanam '; Maraiv-anbir-Rennar Sêrar Sölargal pörribaippa '.

P. 1123 of Perigapuranam, 1934 edition.

t Bāmrargat panindalītum Pāvasa-nannagar-marungir-kāhinimēl viļangipulu kaļuvar-padalvideņavē". (Tiruvālaudyudaiyār-Tiruviļaiyādarpurānam, 38, v. 50).

^{*} About them Sewell wrote as follows in his List of Antiquities, Vol. I, p. 298 :-

[&]quot;A copper-plate grant of ten leaves belonging to the temple has been published by Bishop Caldwell in the Indian Antiquary, Vol. VI, p. 142, together with a supplementary plate of two leaves."

The writer must have meant 'sides' by 'leaves', for Burgess and Natesa Sastri correctly note "Five plates only of the susanam are there (i.e., in the Indian Antiquary) given in fac-simile from Sir Walter Elliot's impressions. The whole is here given translated from new impressions obtained with considerable difficulty owing to the ignorant stopidity of the Temple guardians" (A.S.S.I., Vol. IV, p. 21).

suggestion and on 31st January 1939 placed at my disposal two excellent sets of impressions from which I now edit the plates. Dr. Chakravarti took the measurements of the plates and found that what was given in the Archaelogical Survey of South India, Vol. IV, was incorrect. His note is given below:—

"Of the first set, the first ten plates measure approximately $16\frac{\pi}{4}$ " in length (the plates are not of exactly equal size) while their breadth is roughly $5\frac{\pi}{4}$ " except of the 4th and 10th which are 6" and $6\frac{\pi}{4}$ " respectively. The eleventh plate is $17\frac{\pi}{4}$ " long and $6\frac{\pi}{4}$ " broad. The plate of Könërin-maikondan (supplementary plate) is $17\frac{\pi}{4}$ " long and 6 "broad."

All the plates bear writing on both sides and the lines run from edge to edge in some of them without leaving any vacant margin. There are 15 lines on each of the plates I, II, III, IVa, VIb, VIIb, VIIIb, and Xb; 16 lines on IVb, V, VIa, VIIa, VIIIa, IXa, Xa, and XIa; and 17 lines on IXb and XIb. On the whole there are 343 lines of writing in the first set of eleven plates. A ring-hole is bored in the centre of the left side about an inch and a half from the left edge. Though the plates have not got raised rims to protect the writing, the inscription is fairly well preserved excepting some portions of the last four lines of the first face of the sixth plate. A few letters on Va, IVa and b and Xa are also damaged. The existence of the hole is an indication that the plates must have been strung on a ring bearing perhaps a seal also, though there is none at present. In all probability it must have been lost years ago.

The text and translation given in volume IV of the Archaeological Survey of South India require revision. There are serious misreadings especially in proper names. To point only a few, the volume gives punarato for "s-tata imē (l. 3), grāmasy=āvadhik-āptim for grāmasy=āqhāṭa-kļiptim (l. 4), Kakapēri for Nakkapēri (l. 33), pāśakappaḍi for pāḍagappaḍi (l. 38), janamikaļ (janankaļ ?) for japmigaļ (l. 44), Kakekuḍi for Kaḍukkuḍi (l. 47), Sembāpēri for Sēṭtālēri (l. 48), Tiruppu for tirappu (l. 49), ivvūr-pārttannan for ivvūrpār-Chundan (l. 60), Narimangamānum-Kaṇḍanallūram for Narimangamāna Varagaṇḍa-Nallūrum (ll. 60f.), ivvūr Maḍār-Silaiyan for ivvūrppār-Chilaiyan (l. 61), paśalaiyūr for Pālaiyūr (l. 90), tōļarum for dēvarum (ll. 91f.), Mahāvidhinallūr for Kāvidinallūr (l. 112), Pulišām for Pullāṇi (ll. 119f.), Kēšavanum for Kōvanum (l. 128), Kēšavan for Āḍuvān (ll. 130f.), Sidayil-araya-Baṭṭan for Sī-Kayilāya-Baṭṭan (l. 135), Valliyan piḍittalai for Villiy-āṇa Muḍittalai (l. 137), maruvāy-ikkaṇṇūḍē for maruvāy-lḍukkāṇṣ-ūḍē (l. 191), vaḍakku varayum for vaḍavāyum (ll. 195f.), Paḷanḍiyai for paḷaŭ-kōyilaḍiyai (ll. 197f.), i-n for te (l. 200), maralāra for Mālār (l. 219), Seyyai for ševvai (l. 235), kkāra for kār (l. 242), and kavāyil for agavāyil (l. 243).

As only the first five plates are numbered, it is not possible to say definitely whether the numbering was done when the plates were engraved or at a subsequent date. The caligraphy of the numerals seems to indicate that the numbers must have been incised at a somewhat later date. It behaves us therefore to see if the rest of the plates are in order and whether the set is complete. On examination, we find that the face commencing with the line nokki of the seventh plate is the second, for it reads well with the syllables at the end of the other face karaiyê-te which must therefore be the first face of that plate. And the first line of the first face has the syllables l-karaiyê which reads in continuation of the last syllables of the sixth plate, viz., ikkâlin-mê. In volume IV of the Archaelogical Survey of South India, by reading the second face of the seventh

¹ [Like Leiden Plates the writing on these plates also seems to have been done by the process known as a circ perios. (See above, Vol. XXII, p. 213).—Ed.]

² This is easily done by reading through the first and last lines of each face of the plates and marking out the second face by the fact of the first line reading in continuation of the syllables at the end of the other face. This done, we know the first face of each plate. Then we have only to see where the syllables at the end of the second face of one plate run on with the first syllable of the first face of another.

plate after the end of the sixth plate and then reading the first face after the second, a mistake has been committed. The order of the rest of the plates as given there is correct and none of the plates is missing. Another defect in the published text is that it has omitted to give one full line found on the second side of the ninth plate. This mistake has occurred as two consecutive lines (II. 272-3) commence with the same syllables ku nökki-chchengu Milaganūq-ku. There are many instances where final consonants have been treated as the first combined consonant and vice versā. These defects and the summary treatment of the contents in the Archwological Survey of South India, Vol. IV, make the re-publication of the inscription a great desideratum.

Excepting the first five lines of the first plate, first side, which are in Sanskrit verse written in Grantha characters, the rest of the inscription is in Tamil language and alphabet. Though the orthographical peculiarities found in the record are common to the epigraphs of this period. a few of them deserve to be noted here. There are numerous instances where the sandhi rules are not observed. In the Tamil portion Grantha letters are used in many places where Sanskrit words occur. For instances see Vēda, Šāstra (l. 16) and brahmadēya (l. 19). The superscript + is marked by a short slanting stroke engraved on the top of the letter, e.g., rbu (1, 2), rmma (I. 13). Punctuation is denoted by what is called single or double pillaiyās suļi and visargalike mark; see, for example, lines 3 and 5. Medial long i is well distinguished from the short by being given a closed loop on the right of the concave curve on the top of the letters (II. 5, 6, 9, 12, 39, 40, 42). Rk and gt are often used for rkk and rtt; see, for example, Milagapurka (Il. 272-3), Marankirti (I. 270) and Karpakirti (I. 269). The words mulaiyir-tiru (I. 288), ellaiyirtiru (L 284) and embarten (l. 309) ought to be mulaiyir-riru, ellaiyir-riru and embar-ren. There are instances of doubling of consonants where unnecessary and of omission to double them when necessary; e.g., chenru-kKattio (L 281). Another noteworthy feature is the use of the accusative for the locative in words like väykkälaiy-irandu and kälaiy-irangi. In these cases, Tamil would require okalil. Influence of Sanskrit has perhaps to account for the departure in these cases.

The inscription is in two parts of which the first, which is very brief, is in Sanskrit and covers only five lines. It gives the mythical genealogy of the Pandyas traced from Hari (Vishnu) through Atri, Moon, Budha and Pururavas, and states that Rajagambhiradava, in the 25th year of his reign, on the day of Svati, corresponding to a Sunday and the eleventh tithi of the dark fortnight of the month in which the Sun was in Dhanush, ordered the determination of the boundaries of the village which was called after his name, by circumambulating it with a female elephant. It is to be noted that not even the king's immediate ancestors are mentioned in the record. The king is said to have been apprised of the formation of the new village by Sundaresa. Who this person is it is not possible to say definitely, as the corresponding Tamil portion omits this fact altogether. Since the formation of the kind is generally conveyed to kings by officials such as Secretaries and Ministers and sometimes even by princes who were in attendance on them, we may not be wrong in thinking that Sundaresa was one such person of distinction. We know from a record of Jațăvarman Kulašēkhara I (with Pūviņkilatti introduction) found at Chaturvēdimangalam² that the king had a brother-in-law by name Alagapperumāl, and our plates also enable us to gather that Pillaiyar Alagapperumal held a high position, for a person under him bearing the official designation adigaram acted as kankani in the settlement of boundaries

^{*} This defect was noticed by me when I arranged the plates in order and got them atrung on a wire. It was independently noticed by Dr. Chakravarti also when he had the impressions taken of the inscription on the plates.
* No. 298 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.

of the new village. It is not unlikely that machchunanar Alagapperumal and Pillaiyar Alagapperumāl indicate two different persons. Sundarēśa being a good Sanskrit rendering of the name Alagapperumal, there is a possibility of one of the two persons of that name being referred to. But of this we cannot be certain. If a prince is meant, can it refer to Maravarman Sundara-Pandya I who, at the time of the record, might be supposed to have been serving the king? The second part which is in Tamil, opens with the usual eulogy of king Jatavarman Kulaśekhara commencing with the words Pūviņkilatti and runs to the end of the eleventh plate. It consists of two principal sentences, the first beginning from the end of line 5 (plate Ia) and ending with the beginning of line 139 (plate Vb) with śāvadu, and the second commencing with the words padin-munr-avadin-edir in line 139 (plate Vb) and ending with the word ninradu in line 338 (plate XIb). These two sentences are followed by the names of the writer of the document and the signatories who attested it and these cover up lines 338 to 343 in the last plate. The composing of this Tamil part of the inscription consisting of 338 lines of writing and covering nearly all the 22 sides of the plates, obscures the clear understanding of the various transactions involved and detailed in it. The main sentence, which gives the principal and immediate object of the inscription is Kulaśēkaradēvarkku yāndu 13-vadu nāļ nāl-āyirattu munnūrru arupadināl (II. 14f.) pidi-nadanda ellaikku or °padikku arav-olai seydu kudutta parisāvadu (1. 73 and 1. 138) meaning "this is the deed drawn up and given in the thirteenth year and four thousand and three-hundred and sixtieth day of the reign of Kulašēkharadēva (embodying) the boundaries as circumambulated by the female elephant". The noting down of the boundaries of the entire village from point to point is thus the main object of this set of eleven copper-plates; and it may be said that it is the last of a series of actions involved in the constitution and grant of the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam as brahmadēya. The document was drawn up by the persons authorised in the royal order issued on the day specified in the Sanskrit portion as nijē vatsarē pamcha-vimšē Chandāmšāv=ātta-chāpē Kanakapati-tithau krishņa-paksh-Ārkivāra-Svātī-yōgē and repeated in the Tamil portion in the words padin-mūnrāvadin-edir pannirandāmāndu Dhanu-nāyarru nālān-tiyadiyum apara-pakshattu ēkāda siyum Sani-kkilamaiyum perra Sodinal (Il. 139ff.). This earlier date had been calculated by the late Professor Kielhorn and found to agree with Saturday, 29th November A. D. 1214. As such, the 13th year and 4360th day of the king's reign (=the 26th year, or more correctly 25 years and 40 days) which relates to the drawing up of the boundary deed, must be later than A. D. 1214, November 29, by such number of unexpired months and days as remained in the 25th year (i.e., 12th current year after the 13th) of the king's reign plus 40 days of the 26th year (i.e., 13th year opposite the 13th). The formation of the brahmadeya and the grant of it had already been effected when the order for the karini-bhramana was given on the 29th November A.D. 1214. This is plain by the statement. nīkki ulla nilam munnudaiyārum palam pērum vellān-vagaiyum mudalun-tavirtu oru-nādum or-ūrum oru puravum ākki Rājagambhīra-vaļanāttu Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam=ennun= tirunāmattāl brahmadēyañ=cheydaruļi (ll. 70-72) meaning 'the remaining lands had been constituted as the brahmadēya village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam so called after the sacred name (of the king) and included in Rājagambhīra-vaļanādu: the previous owners, old names, the classification as vellān-vagai, cultivating ryots and mudal of the lands removed and classed under one nadu, one puravu and one village'. We shall refer to the significance of this in the sequel. With regard to the royal order issued on the 29th November A.D. 1214, it must be said that whilethe Sanskrit portion stops with mentioning the immediate circumambulation of the village which was called after the king's name (sv-ābhidānasya grāmasy=āghāṭa-kļiptim=prati sapadi karēņum gamayitum=avadat Rājagambhīradēvah), the Tamil portion is more explicit and states what ought to be done further. It tells us that the circumambulation of the four boundaries of the said village must be effected in the presence of the superintendents (appointed for the purpose), and,

for the boundaries thus gone round, a deed also must be drawn up and given. This is clear from the passage ivvūr nāng-ellaiyun=kankānigaļōdun=kūda=ppidi-śūlndu pidi nadanda ellaikku aravōlai śeydu kudukkav-enru tiruvāy-molindarulinamaiyil (ll. 72-74).

We have referred above to three dates that occur in the inscription and have shown that two of them are identical and relate to the day on which the boundaries of the new village were ordered to be determined by the king and that the third, which is expressed in years and days, and which is later than the other two was the day on which the document was drawn up. The identical nature of two of the dates being assured by the details, the mention of the year in two ways, viz., pañcha-vimsē (the 25th) and padin-munravadin edir pannirandu (the 12th year opposite the 13th) shows that the number of years given after the word edir must be added to the number expressed before it. Two other dates occur in the inscription, viz., padin-munravadin-edir pattām-āndu-varai (up to the 10th year opposite the 13th) and patin-munrāvadin edir padin-onrām-āndu-mudal (from the 11th year opposite the 13th), in connection with the clubbing together of the villages and lands in the new village and the grant of it as a brahmadēya. The first refers to the state of the items of lands as they stood up to the 23rd year and the second refers to the fact that the brahmadeya had to take effect from the next year, i.e., the 24th year. Evidently the omission to recognise this particular fact, viz., that the 25th year of the king's reign is expressed by padin-munrāvadin-edir pannirandu, though recognising the identical nature of the astronomical details given both in the Sanskrit and Tamil portions, has led the late Pandit Natesa Sastri, who seems to have taken all the years to be one and the same, to postulate the following theory:-

"Nothing definite can be made out of this phrase (padin-mūnyāvadin edir padin-onyāmāndu) for the present. Some are of opinion that one of them refers to the age of the king and
the other to the number of years he had reigned, but this $S\bar{a}sanam$ contradicts that theory; for
in IIa, l. 10, we have the 10th year opposite the 13th year, and in Vb, l. 2, the 12th year opposite
the 13th year. The following theory may be suggested:—The description of the day of letting
loose of the elephant in Ia and of the day in Va (correctly Vb) exactly coincides; and fortunately
in Va (Vb) instead of merely stating in the 13th year, it is said in the 12th year opposite the
13th year; from these and bearing in mind that at the commencement of the $S\bar{a}sanam$ it is
stated "in the 13th year, 4364th day", and that according to the rough Hindu calculation of

360 days for every year, 4364 days come to $\frac{4364}{360}$ =12 years and 44 days, I think that "in the 12th year opposite the 13th year", may mean, after the completion of the 12th year in the

13th year of the reign. Similarly "11th year opposite the 13th year" may mean after the completion of the 11th year, i.e., in the 12th year of the reign. Similarly 10th, in each case the present year of the reign is also added".

Against this, Burgess noted: "This theory of the Pandit's is ingeneous, but will not do: the 13th year cannot coincide with parts of three years. Can it be 1310, 1311, and 1312 Saka that is meant by the dates? If so, the number of days may refer to the reign".2

Except in showing the difficulties felt in explaining the double dates, these theories have no value whatsoever to us now, and we pass on with the remark that the singling out of a particular year—in this case the 13th year—still remains to be definitely and satisfactorily made out.

That the determination of the boundaries commenced on the very day the order was given might be inferred from line 140. I would consider that there is an omission of the words 'pidi nadappittu' after 'sūlndu' in the extract given above for the reason that the document, while repeating the same in another place, has the phrase 'pidi nadatta=ppidi nadandapadikku' (l. 138). There are still other defects in this part of the document. It omits to state to whom the order

was issued and what formalities were observed by the recipients. Judging from other copper-plates it may be said that the order must have been addressed to the assembly of the district of Rājagambhīra-vaļanādu. It could not have been issued to the assembly of any of the sub-divisions in it, for the villages and lands that had been clubbed to form the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, belonged to more than one sub-division. Then again, the inscription does not state to whom this document of boundaries was ordered to be given or was granted. The verb kudukka (shall be given) in the passage extracted above, has no object. But it may be reasonably presumed that it should have been directed to be given to the donees and must have been left in the possession of the sabhā of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam representing the vast number of one thousand and eighty donees. If this was the case, there arise the questions as to how the Tiruppūvaņam temple has come to be in possession of it, whether it is the original document that was granted, or only a copy, and if a copy, whether such a copy could not be found elsewhere. The answer to these questions is given below in the introduction to the article on the supplementary plate.

The inscription tells us that eleven persons were appointed to superintend the settlement of boundaries. Their names (Il. 74-93) are given in Appendix A. I. Of these eleven persons, one (No. 4) was the agent of the Tiruväykkilvi officer Ponnan Süriyadevan alias Jayadhara-Pallavaraiyan, another (No. 5) was the kankani of Poyyamolidevar, a third (No. 6) was the konkāni of Šrīrāman Tiruvudaiyān alias Pottappichcholar, the fourth (No. 7) was the kankāni of the maligaittapam officer Sivalavan Alagivamanavalan alias Kälingaravan, the fifth (No. 8) was the kankani of Malavarayar, the sixth (No. 9) was the adioarom of Pillaivar Alagapperumal and the seventh (No. 11) was one of the anukkar of Alagiyapandiyanar, who was scrutinising the affairs of the District of Solapandiya-valanadu. Along with the 11 kankanis, 65 others representing the villages adjacent to Räjagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, most of them being connected with the formation of the new village, went with the elephant and fixed the boundaries, Their names and their native villages and nadu (Appendix A, II to XVI) are given in plates IVa (1.93) to Vb (1.138). The details of the boundaries from point to point commencing with a spot on the north-eastern corner and ending with the same spot are set forth in plates Vb (l. 140) to XIb (l. 338). This document mentioning the details of boundary of the village, i.e., this inscription, was drawn up by one of the officials (No. 1 of App. A, I) and was attested by three others (Nos. 2 to 4 of the same Appendix) (II. 338-343).

The duty of the eleven superintendents, who were mostly officials drawn from various parts of the country and were unconnected with the villages that were combined together to form the brahmadēya, must have been to see that the procedure was correctly observed. The actual work was left to be done by the local people. Of the sixty-five others, seven including one who was a resident of Tiruppūvaṇam, led the elephant, while the others showed the boundaries of their respective villages. The ceremony of circumambulation with seventy-six responsible persons going with an elephant and covering a large area, must have been an imposing one: and by the very nature of the troubles involved in the execution of the task, it must have been done in several stages and taken a long time to finish. The wide extent which was covered by the newly constituted village may, to some measure, be conceived by the fact that it included in it as many as one hundred and forty old villages and lands which lay not in one sub-division but in five separate divisions, viz., Kiranūr-nāḍu, Panaṅgalūr-nāḍu, Tiyandaikkuḍi-nāḍu, Mērkuḍi-nāḍu and Purapparalai-nāḍu (Appendix B). The party for the settlement of boundaries had to pass through a number of roads, rivers, and canals on their way. From Seyyakulattūr there passed three roads, one to Vēmbaṅguḍi (ll. 333f.), another to Kadambaṅguḍi

(l. 142), and the third to Mūvaraiyarkōṭṭai (l. 145). From Mānavīramadurai there were roads running to Vēmbangudi (ll. 143f.), Mūvaraiyarkōttai (l. 147), Nettūr (l. 154), and Pidāvūr (ll. 149f.). Between Kannanur and Deda(va)kottai (l. 225), there was another road. From the village of Milaganur there were roads leading to Irunchirai (l. 258) and Kottakirti in Kanai-Irukkai (ll. 244f.). Two other roads connected Vēļāņēri and Aravankudi (ll. 205f.), and Idaikkāttūr and Vēmbangudi (ll. 319 & 330).

The inscription may be said to express in action the abstract laws laid down by the ancient law-givers in the determination of boundaries of villages and lands. The number of villages that were directly concerned in this matter were as many as sixteen.1 As I have already discussed the laws to be observed in such cases it is needless to reiterate them here.2

The early part of this inscription, which forms as it were the preamble of this document of boundaries, informs us how the new village of Rajagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam came to be formed and what old villages and lands were taken up to constitute it. On a date, which is not specified, while the king was sitting on the seat called Malavarajan in the hall of the bed-chamber of his palace at Madurai, situated in the sub-division of Madakkulam, he ordered that a village called Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam after his name, should be formed consisting of one thousand and two hundred shares and be given as a brahmadēya, with effect from the eleventh year opposite the thirteenth of his reign, to one thousand and eighty Brahmanas, who were versed in the Vēdas and Sāstras and were capable of expounding them, each being given one share, and the remaining one hundred and twenty shares being set apart for the temple and for those that had to do service. The date that is not specified here may be taken to be the tenth year opposite to the thirteenth of the king's reign, since it is stated that the grant had to take effect from the eleventh year opposite the thirteenth. The names of the lands and villages that had been taken up and included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam as given in lines 19 to 69 are noticed in a separate appendix (B). This list of villages ends with the remark aga ivvurgalir= palan-dēvadānam pallichchandam kārānmaiy-āna nilam nīkki, i.e., 'excluding from these villages such lands as are old devadanas, pallichchandas and karanmai'. This general remark applies to all villages other than the ones which, though being deradanas, etc., had been specifically stated in the body of the list as having been taken up for inclusion in the new village. Such are the three dēvadāna villages, Vāgaikudi (l. 20), Muttūranārottai (ll. 59f.), and Širukiļānkāttūr (l. 68) which belonged to the temple of Tiruppuvanamudaiyar. Some of the villages and lands of this list find mention in the description of boundaries, being situated on the boundary line. We learn from the description of boundaries that Marudur lay just to the west, and Sankaramangalam just to the south of Manaviramadurai, that Nirambaiyur was to the east of Somattur, that Velaneri was to the south of Karungulam, that Milaganur was to the north of both Kottakirti and Kañai-Irukkai, that Karpakīrti in Kāñai-Irukkai was situated just to the west of Mēr-Cheli, and to the south of Puvaninallur, that Nerkunram was immediately to the east of Kuvalaiveli, that Vāgaikudi was to the north of both Tirumālirunjolainallur and Sirukudi alias Vīrakāmugamangalam, and to the east of Vellürkuruchchi and to the south of Manabharana-chaturvēdimangalam which lay to the north of Tiruvāvaņam situated just to the east of Vellūrkuruchchi, and lastly, that Kudanjādi was to the south of Sundankuruchchi. From the boundaries given, we also learn that Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam had on its west Kīranūr-nādu,

ı Manaviramadurai, 2. Marudur, 3. Mer-Paśalai, 4. Kit-Paśalai, 5. Poliyur, 6. Kallikudi, 7. Iruuchirai in Kāṇai-Irukkai, 8. Milaganūr, 9. Mālangudi, 10. Śirukulattūr, 11. Śūrakudi, 12. Vidattal, 13. Vellūrkuruchchi, 14. Perumpuliyür, 15. Vēļūr and 16. Tiruppūvaņam.

² Above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 30ff.

on the north Paṇaṅgalūr-nāḍu, on the east Tīyandaikuḍi-nāḍu, and on the south Purapparalai-nāḍu. The inscription mentions the rivers Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappērāru (l. 161), Paralaiyāru (l. 198), Kaļavalināḍaṇāru of Paṇaṅgalūr (l. 318) and Paralaikkāl (l. 193) and states that three of the dēvadāna lands of the temple of Tiruppūvaṇamuḍaiyār, named Muttūranāroṭṭai, Vāgaikuḍi and Śirukiļāṅkāṭṭūr, had been added on to the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimaṅgalam as well as certain specified lands which formed the dēvadāna of the temples of Paśalaināthar and Śri-Vaikunda-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār of Mēr-Paśalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimaṅgalam (ll. 48—51).

Like the three devadāna villages of Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārottai and Širukilānkāttūr, the whole village of Milaganur had been taken up and included in Rajagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam. In exchange for the last, the following other villages were given, viz., Kuvalaivēli, Pudukkulam, Mārankīrti, Kāvidinallūr, Kadambamangalam, Šāttiyār-ēmbal in Achchankāttirukkai, and that part of Araivakulam in Kāñai-Irukkai which remained after removing the holding (kāni) of Mandari Rāman alias Pallavaraiyar (ll. 110-114). Care was taken to have the previous owners of these villages removed, their old names changed and the original constitution altered and the whole, like the lands and villages that were included in Raiagambhīrachaturvēdimangalam, grouped together and the newly formed village of Milaganūr was given the name Rājēndraśinganallūr. It was placed under the division Achchankāttirukkai and entered as such in State accounts (Il 114-116). The persons that were entrusted with the formation of this new village are given in group IX of Appendix A: they were among the party that accompanied the female elephant. It is worthy of note that in the constitution of this village also, which was not a Chaturvedimangalam, the same precaution was taken, as in the other, to bring the different units under one control and to make it homogeneous. The words used, viz., oru-nadum or-ūrum oru-puravum akki, clearly indicate that it became a distinct constituency with single class of interest as Chaturvedimangalam was.

With the aid of this and a few other allied records, we propose to consider here firstly the constitution of the Chaturvēdimangalam referred to in the preamble and what it implies, secondly whether the king represented in the plates had any other introduction than the one beginning with Pūviņkilatti and thirdly the geography of the districts and divisions of the Pāṇḍya country mentioned in the plates. On all these matters the existing notions seem to need correction.

Like the founding of temples, construction of tanks, provisions made for the requirements of various shrines, the opening of educational institutions with competent teachers in various branches, erection of feeding houses for the poor and the learned, and provisions made for doctors and hospitals to minister to the needs of the sick,-furthering the cause of the study of the Vēdas and Sastras was considered a meritorious act by South Indian kings and chiefs and it found a tangible expression in the form of Chaturvedimangalams, brahmadeyas, agaras or agraharas and the like. One can easily pick out the names of hundreds of Chaturvedimangalams by running through the inscriptions contained in the volumes of South Indian Inscriptions ranging from the seventh century A.D. to the time of the Vijayanagara kings. If it is remembered that each one of this class of villages had been originally granted to a very large collection of eminent men who had studied the Vēdas and Šāstras and that each one of the villages had an administrative body called the sabhā, as we know from numerous instances, consisting of several committees and a general body of representative members, whose number in some cases was very large and who, by the qualifications insisted on, always kept up a high standard of Vedic learning, there could be no denying the fact that in South India, at any rate, there was a regular and systematic study of the Vēdas and the branches of subjects connected with them, and there were

hundreds of thousands of persons who carried the torch of Vedic learning in the way it used to be handed down. We would like to point out that the donees of the newly constituted brahmadčya village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam numbered as many as one thousand and eighty and that they had not only studied the Vedas and Sastras but were capable of expounding them. The cumulative conjunction um in the phrase Vedumum sastramum pay and the use of the adjectival phrase vyākhyātākkaļāy irukkum qualifying Chatureždi-Bhottargaļ leave no doubt that the subjects of the Vedas and Sastras were studied not only with a view to grasping their meaning but in such a thorough manner as to entitle the votaries to be styled vyākhyātās, i.e., exegetes. Though these phrases are sufficient in themselves, we would point out some further instances from inscriptions which more clearly explain that these subjects were thoroughly atudied in those days. These inscriptions use the additional word ' porutpada', i.e., ' with meaning' before the verb ' pôy ' ' had gone through '. One of the inscriptions of Tiruttangal, dated in the 9th year and 216th day of the reign of Jatavarman Kulasakhara with Pavinkilatti introduction (the same king that figures in the large Tiruppūvaņam plates), registers a royal order issued on the representation of the king's officer Kālingarāyar for creating a brahmadēya village called Kulaśekhara-chaturvedimangalam by joining together four devadana villages about Tiruttangal with lands and house-sites allotted to 54 Brahmanas who were versed in the Vēdas and Sastras and were capable of expounding them. The village-site where the Brahmanas had to reside was named 'Pugalogagandanallūr'. We may refer to another inscriptions dated in the 8th year and 215th day of the reign of Maravarman Sundam Pundya II with the introduction Pumalar-tiruvum which tells us that the great-grandfather of Sri-Rāman Alagan alias Alagivapāndiva-Brahmādhirājan had originally established, in the name of Vēņādudaiyār, a village called Ravivarma-chaturvēdimangalam and settled in it forty-eight Chaturvēdi-Bhattas who had learnt with meaning (porutpada) the Vēdas and Sāstras and were capable of expounding them (eyākhyātākkaļāy-irukkum), and twelve Bhattas who had to recite the Vēdas in the temple of Udaiyar Tirunelvēli-Udaiyar, thus making in all sixty persons. On the representation of these sixty persons and on the recommendation of the officer Ayyan Malavarayar, the king granted all the lands situated in Kannanūr olias Mānābharanappādi, within certain specified boundaries, excluding from them the old decadanas and pallichchandas, to be included in Ravivarma-chaturvēdimangalam in order that the sixty persons settled in the village may get sixty shares, the temple of Śri-Rāma-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār may have two shares, Pāṇḍimādēvīšvaramuḍaīyār may have two shares and Tondaiman-Vinnagar-Alvar may have one share. It is expressly stated that in this case, as indeed in others, the prior owners of lands as well as the classification under other heads had been removed and the whole constituted as one village with one puravu, one classification, etc. The point for note is that the Chaturvedimangalam was entirely a Brahmanical village. And as we know that the sabhā was the functioning body in such a village, there is no room for thinking that the members in it could be of any other class. The inscription clearly tells us that the interest in the constituency vested with one class of people, all others being expressly stated to have been removed and changed. One of the inscriptions of the time of the Chola king Rajaraja I gives the names of as many as 144 Brahmanical Villages (brahmadeyas), which had to supply persons for the post of treasurers, temple-servants and accountants to the Rājarājēšvara temple at Tanjore.3 Without even a single exception, each one of these villages is stated to have had a sabhā. Numerous transactions of the sabhā are

² No. 543 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1922,

^{*} No. 446 of S. I. I., Vol. V.

^{2 8. 1. 1.,} Vol. II, No. 69

recorded in inscriptions giving the names of the members present in the meetings, numbering in some cases thirty and forty, and all of them are Brāhmaņas¹ as the titles and the gotras show.

Still another medieval Pandya inscriptions dated in the 13th year of the reign of Jatavarman Sundara-Pandya I, with the characteristic title Ellantalaiyana-Perumal, gives very interesting details regarding the formation of another similar village called Vikramapandya-chaturvēdimangalam to settle down 108 Brāhmanas, many of whom were well-versed in the Vēdas and Sastras and were capable of expounding them. For the housing accommodation of these and their families, as well as the men who were in charge of the village library and the village servants, four velis of land were purchased and set apart as village-site and it included in it the temple premises also. In purchasing the lands, the rights and privileges of the old tenants and title holders were completely bought up. Land for grazing the cattle was also provided for. For the maintenance of the 108 Brahmana families and others, 1474 velis of land in the village of Rājašikhāmaninallūr alias Puļiyangudi were acquired. The following crittis were also provided for :- three for teachers of the Vedas, one for teachers of the Sūtras, one and three fourths for two doctors, half for ambadiyas, half for the village accountant, one-fourth for a drummer, onefourth for a blacksmith, half for carpenter, one-fourth for goldsmith, three-eighths for irankolli, three-eighths for barber, one-fourth for a washerman, three-fourths for a village watchman, and one-eighth for vettigan. Further, it is said that three-fourths of the nattam land outside the Brahman quarter, was set apart for Vellan-kanyalar and the remainder for other professional people. All taxes were remitted and it was stipulated that from the 14th year of the king's reign, i.e., from the first year of the constitution of the new agrahara village of Vikramapandyachaturvēdimangalam, 500 kalam of superior paddy had to be measured out every year to the temple at Chidambaram.

The contents of this inscription, as well as those of others of this class, some of which we have noticed above, show clearly that the constituency of Chaturvedimangalam was purely one of Brahmanas, self-sufficient in every way; and other classes of people were given separate accommodation in the nattam lands and were there for performing specific acts. In this limited constituency having a fixed extent of land, be it great or small, which had been completely bought up with all rights, and with their old names, prior holdings and different heads of classification entirely removed, and vested with and owned by one class of people as one unit under the different and distinguishing name Chaturvedimangalam, there is absolutely no room for thinking that in the sabhā which, as we know from numerous inscriptions, was the administrative body functioning in such a village, there could have been any member that belonged to any other class of people. Though from the qualifications laid down in the two Uttaramallur inscriptions for membership in committees and from the actual names of persons that are mentioned as members of sabhās in numerous other epigraphs, we could gather that the sabhā was the administrative body functioning in Brähmanical villages and that it had only Brähman members, more direct evidence is afforded in No. 3 of South Indian Inscriptions, Vol. VIII. This inscription states that a royal order having been issued by the Chola king Rajadhiraja I to the officer Sola-Pandya-Művendavéjar to the effect that from the interest to be given in paddy by Brahmana-urgal (Brahmanical villages) on sums received by them on loan from the treasury of the temple at Conjecuaram provision may be made for two Sivabrahmanas performing worship and four Sivabrāhmaņas performing parichāraka work, he directed the person that was looking after the

¹ Nos. 986 of S. I. I., Vel. V; No. 133 of Vel. IV; and 231 of Vel. VIII.

Nos. 277 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1913; and the review in part II of the Madras Epigraphical Report, 1914, p. 92.

temple affairs (Köyil-Srikāryam) to make the nimandas. In the nimanda that was actually made in pursuance of this order, instead of 'Brāhmana-ūrgaj' as at first mentioned, we find the * sabhās ' of the five villages Širukachchippēdu, Uttamašola-chaturvēdimangalam, Parāntakachaturvēdimangalam, Miļalaimangalam and Aparāyita (Aparājita)-chaturvēdimangalam. The substitution of the 'sabhās' of these five villages for 'Brāhmaṇa-ūrgaļ' makes it plain that the sabha was the functioning body in Brahmanical villages. This class of constituency, as indeed any other such as ur, nagara, etc., was not a promiscuous jumbling of varied interests as one finds at present. Unless one confounds ancient institutions with modern ones, no different and contrary view could be validly put forth. The different appellations such as ur, nagara, sabhā, etc., by which the administrative bodies of villages were called, show the different nature of their constitution. If the village was one of Vellan landlords with the necessary families of farmers, artisans, barbers, potters, washermen, doctors, etc., it had the assembly of the ūr, the members of which body were Vellan landlords. If the village was one of merchantmen, traders and men engaged in manufacture and industry, it was subject to the assembly of the nagara. And if it was a Brahmanical village having in it mostly Brahman landlords with such families of farmers, etc., as were necessary for the well-being of the village and the cultivation of the lands in it, it had the sabhā for its management. The very formation of the different kinds of villages and the different appellations by which the functioning bodies, viz., ūr, nagara and sabhā, were chosen to be so termed sufficiently indicate that there was no admixture of all classes of men in any one of them. Some of the functions discharged by the various assemblies might be similar and even identical; but it cannot account for a medley of members in any one of them. To judge from the transactions that have come down to us it seems that each one of the functioning bodies known by the different names which they bore, was a pure and unadulterated assembly functioning for a particular group or constituency. It will be unreasonable to think that in the council of the ur or the sabhā, the landlords were represented by the potter, barber, washerman and the ryots who cultivated their lands and did some kind of work or other receiving the vritti assigned therefor. Though in the generality of cases, a village is described as being situated in a sub-division of a district there were some which were directly under a district. These villages appear to have been considerably big towns having in them several large quarters and hamlets subject to the control of various constitutional bodies; they may be likened to Presidency towns like Madras, Bombay, etc. Even here, the different bodies functioned for different classes.

Though the inscription under publication does not throw light on the political history of the time to which it relates, the information which this and the allied records cited above furnish, viz., that the class of villages going by the name-ending Chaturvedimangalam consisted exclusively of Brahman land-owners and had an administrative body known by the special term sabha, has been shown above to be of great value. The further information contained in the inscription that the donees who numbered one thousand and eighty were reputed for knowing with meaning the Vedas and Sastras and were capable of expounding them, and this especially in the century that preceded the advent of Sayana, is sure to be welcomed by scholars. We need hardly say that by Sastras are meant the subjects forming the Vēdāngas.1 Had the inscriptions cited above not stopped with mentioning the fact that the Chaturvedimangalams referred to therein were divided into shares and given to the number of Brahmans specified, viz., 1080, 108 and 60 who had studied the Vedas and Sastras and were vyākhyātās of them, but had furnished also their names, we would be in a position to know their attainments. The Tandantot-

The author of the Amerikasa (3, 3, 179) defines Sastras as Nidelia and granthas, and the commentary of Mahēsvara adds that by granthus are meant Vyūkurupādayus (Nirpayasāgar Edition, 1907, p. 327),

tam plates,1 though incomplete, besides saying that the chief Davamukha after duly informing the Pallava king Nandivarman Pallavamalla2 got the village which acquired the name Davamukhamangalam granted to no less than 308 Brahmana scholars of Vedas and Smritis, give us the names of the donees. The list of persons," though only partially preserved, gives the names of 108 Chaturvēdins, 28 Trivēdins, 24 Shaqangavids and about ten Kramavids, all of whom must have known the meaning of the hymns. It will be strange if a Shadangavid did not know the import of the mantras for the very object of the Niruktabhāshya, one of the Shadangas, was to fit a student to easily grasp the sense of the hymns.4 As the first part of the name of each one of the villages of this class is a sure indicator of the name of the king or chief that founded the village and thus points also to the time when it came into being, and as the second part testifies to the attainment in the Vedic lore of the donees of the village, we are enabled to say from the names of Chaturvēdimangalams preserved in inscriptions that in different parts of South India there were large numbers of Vedic scholars from the 7th century down to the 13th. The names Simhavishnu-chaturvēdimangalam. Mahēndravarma-chaturvēdimangalam. Narasinga-chaturvēdimangalam, Paraméśvara-chaturvédimangalam, Sivachūļāmani-mangalam, Vijayānkurachaturvēdimangalam.10 Avaninārāyana-chaturvēdimangalam.11 Ēkadhīra-chaturvēdimangalam.22 Vayiramēga-chaturvēdimangalam,18 Mārapidugudēvi-chaturvēdimangalam,14 Vidyāvinīta-chaturvē-Pallavanmahādēvi-chaturvēdimangalam,10 Aparājita-chaturvēdimangalam19 and others establish the patronage extended by the Pallava kings to men of Vedic learning from the 7th to the 9th century A.D. That the same spirit animated the Cholas who were the political successors of the Pallavas, accounts for the foundation and grant of villages and cities going by the names Višaiyālaya-chaturvēdimangalam,18 Ködandarāma-chaturvēdimangalam,18 Parāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam. 30 Jananātha-chaturvēdimangalam. 31 Gandarāditva-chaturvēdimangalam, 2 Arinjigai-chaturvēdimangalam, 3 Solamārttanda-chaturvēdimangalam, 24 Rajāsravachaturyēdimangalamas and those that were called after the Chālukya-Chōlas that followed Adhirājēndra, and for the continuance of the study of the Vēdas and Vēdāngas from the eighth century to the thirteenth, patronised as it was by the kings and chiefs who had high regard for it.

¹ S. I. L. Vol. II. pp. 517 f.

These plates were at first relegated to Nandivarman III (S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 517 f.), but while editing the Pattattālamangalam grant, I pointed out that they must correctly be assigned to Nandivarman Pallavamalla (above, Vol. XVIII, p. 117).

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 531-535.

^{*} The selection of riks for comment is supposed to have been made with such care that with a perfect understanding of their significance and with a thorough grasp of the lucid etymological explanation of the words occurring in them as furnished by the author of the Nirukta, it was believed that the student of the Védas would be able to know the meaning of other mantrus without difficulty. The hymns and words treated in the Nirukia and the comment offered on them were considered sufficient to form a ready reference for other mentrus. Etishu parijäätëshu šakyatë mantrarthah parijäätum të ëva jääpaka bhavanti. (Durga's commentary on the Nirukta: Introduction).

No. 265 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907.

^{*} No. 9 of the same collection for 1930-31.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 402, 404, 405.

^{*} Ibid., p. 229. * Ibid., p. [28]. 12 Ibid., p. 529n. 13 Ibid., p. [27].

¹⁰ Ibid., p. [23].

¹¹ Ibid., p. 325. 14 Ibid., p. 337.

¹¹ Ibid., p. [28].

¹⁴ Ibid., pp. [22], 321.

¹¹ S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 3.

¹⁴ S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 327.

¹⁹ Ibid., p. 321. 20 Ibid., p. 76.

²¹ Ibid., p. 74.

²⁴ Ibid.

¹² Ibid., p. 103.

¹⁴ Ibid., p. [23]n. and No. 20 of 1928-29.

²² S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 228.

In some cases, the term Chaturvedimangalam seems to have been contracted into Mangalam and such are those that had for their functioning body the sabhā. As instances may be cited Varagunamangalam, Triyambakamangalam, Kattaraimangalam, Paraisumangalam, Maramangalam. Avanipaśēkaramangalam and Kadungomangalam mentioned in a Pandya grant of the time of Varaguna II.1 All these places were in the Tinnevelly District and their foundation by Pāṇdya kings takes us from the sixth to the ninth century A.D., when Kadungō, Māravarman. Varaguna and Śrīmāra flourished. The Pāndya king Parantaka Nedunjadaiyan (A.D. 770) is said in the Vēļvikudi plates to have founded Śrīvaramangalam,2 so termed after one of his surnames. Mangalam was further contracted into Mangai as in Varagaunamangai and Śrivaramangai.

If we carefully study the constitution of Dayamukhamangalam as detailed in the Tandantottam plates of Nandivarman Pallavamalla of the 8th century A.D. and compare it with what is said about the constitution of the villages as described in the mediæval Pandva inscriptions cited above, we can clearly see that the principles followed were the same both in the 7th and 13th centuries A.D.

i. The newly constituted village was, in each case, divided into a number of shares, the number being some more than the number of donees intended to be provided for. In the Tiruppūvanam plates, the principal donees numbered 1,080 and the shares made were 1,200. In the grant of Ravivarma-chaturvedimangalam, the principal donees numbered 48 while the actual number of shares made were 65. In the case of Vikramapāṇḍya-chaturvēdimaṅgalam, the principal donees numbered 108 and the actual number of shares made were 147. In the earlier Tandantottam plates it was intended to provide chiefly for 308 persons but extra shares are actually mentioned.

ii. The donees in all the grants of Chaturvedimangalams (or simply Mangalams in the earlier grants) were Brāhmans well versed in the Vēdas and Śāstras. While some of the mediæval Pāndva records speak of the donees as Vēdamum Šāstramum pōy vyākhyātākkalāy irukkum, others add the word porutpada before poy. In place of this description, we have in the earlier Tandantottam plates: Vēda-traya-smriti-jushām vidushām dvijānām.4 In the list of donees, we notice there were more persons styled Chaturvēdī than Trivēdī or Shadangavid.

iii. All the records state that the villages had temples in them, or contemplate the construction of temples in them, meant for the use of the donees and make provision for them.

iv. In the Tiruppūvaņam plates, the extra shares, numbering 120, are stated to be for dēvadāna-panišey-virutti-pangu. Here dēvadāna may either be taken independently or as qualifying the next panisey. The phrase may be construed in two ways, viz., (i) 'shares meant for the dēvadāna and shares for the maintenance of those who had to render service or (ii) shares for the maintenance of those that had to render service pertaining to the devadana'. The former meaning is obtained by taking devadana and panisey-virutti as separately qualifying pangu, and the latter is obtained by considering devadana as qualifying panisey-virutti which qualifies pangu. As it is seen from the other records cited above that the extra shares were meant both for the temple and for the various kinds of servants, we think it better to adopt the former view. The grant of Ravivarma-chaturvedimangalam provides 12 shares for 12 Bhattas who had to recite the Vēdas in the temple of Udaiyār Tirunelvēli-udaiyār and two shares each for the

¹ Above, Vol. XXI, p. 114.

² K. V. Subrahmanya Aiyer's Historical Sketches of Ancient Dekhan, p. 132.

³ S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 517 ff.

⁴ S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 520, V. 9.

temples of Śri-Rāma-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār and Pāṇḍimādēvīšvaramuḍaiyār and one share for Toṇḍai-mān-Viṇṇagar-Āļvār. The earlier Dayāmukhamaṅgalam grant provides five shares for Tiruvaḍi-gal, i.e., Vishṇu, and two shares for Mahādēva.

v. The grant of Vikramapāndya-chaturvēdimangalam provides three crittis for the teachers of the Vēdas, one for the teachers of the Sūtras, one and three-fourths for two doctors, half for ambadiyas, half for village accountants, one-fourth each for drummer, potter, blacksmith, goldsmith and washerman, half for carpenter, three-eighths each for īrankolli and barber, three-fourths for village watchman and one-eighth for cettiyān. The earlier Tandantōtṭam plates provide one share each for the reader of the Mahābhārata and the drummer, one share for each of the three madhyasthas, two shares for a doctor, three shares for the maintenance of the head-sluice and the village reservoir, besides some shares allotted to a number of persons who appear to be servants and performers of worship in temples.

vi. Other *crittis* such as those for doctors, watchmen (or police), library, etc., provided for in the constitution are of wider interest meeting as they do the requirements of health, education, police, etc.

To an earlier date belong the Kuram plates of the Pallava king Paramesvaravarman I. The village of Kūram in the Chingalpet District bore the surname Vidyāvinīta-chaturvēdimańgalam1 evidently so named after the donor Vidyavinita, a Pallava chief and subordinate of Paramēšyaravarman I. The same chief built the Siva temple of Vidyāvinīta-Pallava-Paramēšvara in the centre of the village of Kūram and requested the king to make a grant to it. In compliance with this request, Paramëśvara I made the gift of the village of Paramëśvaramangalam divided into 25 shares of which 20 shares were given to 20 Brähmanas versed in the four Vedas, 3 shares to two persons who had to perform the divine rights and look after the temple repairs, one share was set apart for supplying fire and water to a mandapa and one share for the reading of the Bharata in that mandapa. Though the grant relating to the constitution and gut of the village of Vidyāvinīta-chaturvēdimangalam has not come down to us, yet a reference found in the Paramesvaramangalam grant, which was issued in the reign of the same king, i.e., Paramesvaravarman I, indicates that it was bestowed on 108 families of Brahmanas that were studying the four Vedas.3 The Udayendiram plates of Nandivarman register the grant of the village of Udayachandramangalam to 108 Brahmanas: In it provision is made for a physician and for one that had to perform worship (in temple).4

The foundation of the numerous Chaturvēdimangalams and the grant of them as brahmadēyas, or agrahāras by successive generations of kings of various dynasties that held sway in South India, as evidenced by the names of villages noticed above, though the grants relating to them have not yet come to light, are sure indications of the progress of the Vedic culture and testify to the increase in the numerical strength of the Vedic exceptes from the end of the sixth century to the end of the thirteenth,—the three Pāṇḍya grants of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I (A.D. 1190-1215), Māṇavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya II (A.D. 1235-1251) and Jaṭāvarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I (A.D. 1251-1271) taking us almost to the time of the advent of Sāyaṇāchārya, the prodigious commentator on all the Vēdas, and reflect on the mass of material that must have been available in his day and the number of scholars that must have existed then.

¹ S. I. I., Vol. VII, Nos. 32 and 33-A.

² S. I. I., Vol. I, p. 147 and text-lines 51-2. Provision for fire and water corresponds to 'hot and cold weather charges'.

^{*} Ibid., p. 150, text-line 49 f.

⁴ S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 372-3.

Besides the grant of brahmadēya villages of the description given above, the kings and chiefs also provided richly for colleges wherein the Vēdas were taught. Rural administrative assemblies and even private individuals were not wanting in making contributions, according to their might, to the cause of Vedic learning. The charities of the Vaisya Dāmayan Mādhavan recorded in the Tirumukkūdal inscription of Vīrarājēndra included provision for the teaching of the Vēdas. One of the early epigraphs of Uttaramallūr, which is partially built in, makes provision for a Bhatta-critti by a lady named Šannaichchāni also called Uttaramallūr-Nangai, stipulating that the holder of the critti must be one that has no share in the village but is well versed in at least one of the Vēdas, in the Vyākarana and the two daršanas of the Mīmāmsā as well as the Nritta (Nīrukta)-bhāshya and is capable of expounding the Vyākarana, Nyāya-bhāshya with vārttikas, and Vaišēshika with Tīkā, and that he must remain in the matha erected by that lady on the bank of a tank which she had caused to be dug. The inscription also speaks of an examination to be held at the end of a course of three years. There is thus room for thinking that all through the Hindu period of Indian history, the study of the Vēdas and Vēdāngas and their exposition must have been pursued zealously.

We have now to consider how many of the medieval Pandya kings bore the name Jatavarman Kulasekhara and settle also which one among them is the king represented in the larger Tiruppuvanam plates. During the past several years, a large number of inscriptions belonging to this period have been collected and noticed in the Annual Reports on South-Indian Epigraphy. None of them gives any genealogy: most of them give only the regnal years and not the corresponding years of any known era. It is mainly due to the efforts of the late Professor Kielhorn, Swamikkannu Pillai and Sewell in verifying the astronomical details found in some of them that epigraphists have been able to register the important facts and events revealed in inscriptions about these kings in some chronological order.4 The fact that several members of the family had been ruling at one and the same time and over the same tract, besides swelling the number of kings that could possibly cover a given period of years, has made it difficult to attribute particular achievements to particular kings. If we leave out the mere texts of some of the inscriptions of these mediaval Pandya kings published in the volumes of the South-Indian Inscriptions (Texts), the records of almost all of them remain still to be critically edited. The notices made in the Annual Reports on the Madras collections are our only guide. But these reports, however valuable they are, cannot be substitutes for full texts of inscriptions, as they could not furnish all the information the inscriptions contain.3 At present, two kings of the name Jatavarman Kulasekhara are taken cognisance of and they are assigned the accession dates A.D. 1190 and A.D. 1237. To the first king of that name all records commencing with the introductions Pūviņkilatti, Pūtalamadandai and Pūtalavanitai are being assigned. The second rests purely on the results of the astronomical calculations. The reasons for the assignment of the three different introductions to Jațăvarman Kulaśēkhara I are not known. We need not concern ourselves with ascertaining as to when this idea started and why all the three introductions were

¹ See above, Vol. XXI, pp. 222-3. The Bähür plates (S. I. I., Vol. II, pp. 513ff.) provide for a Vidyasthāna, See also An. Rep. on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1018, part II, pp. 145 ff.

¹ See Nos. 312 and 316 of S. I. I., Vol. VI.

Ibid., No. 322.

^{*} It was the late Mr. Swamikannu Pillai that took up all the dates and made a serious attempt at fixing the initial years of reign of several kings, of course having before him the results of the labours of Kielhorn.

^{*}For instance it is beyond the scope of the reports to give the names with other details of the numerous officials and chiefs figuring in the inscriptions and it is needless to say how such information would be of immense help in the critical publication of any single inscription of a particular king. The geographical items occurring in inscriptions are also too numerous to mention in such a publication.

attributed to the same sovereign. It is proposed first to examine the correctness or otherwise of such an assignment. For this purpose, it is highly necessary to have separate lists of inscriptions of the three different introductions, and we present underneath such lists. They are not exhaustive but are sufficient to serve our need. If the result of our examination prove that the introductions belong to more kings than one, a fresh endeavour will have to be made to separate the facts known about each king from the Annual Reports on South Indian Epigraphy which have been putting them under the single head of Jaţāvarman Kulaśēkhara I.

A. Pūtalamadandai.		B. Pūta.	B. Pātalavagitai—contd.	
No.	Date.	No.	Date.	
296/S. I. I., V 437/29-30	2+1st year. 3+1+1st year.	507/16 No. 506 is connected with this. 672/16	3rd year and 2,766 days. 3+7th year	
464/16 707/16	4+1st year.	673/16	3rd year and 2,593 days. 3rd year+2,594 days.	
614/26	4+1st year.	674/16	3+7th year.	
449/16	4+1+1st year.	349-350/16		
450/16	4+1+1st year.	C. Püvinkilatti.		
534/16	4+4th year. 4th year+1,745 days.	No.	Date.	
207/27-28	9th year.	607/26	2nd year,	
293/8. I. I., ∇	9th year and 44 days.	290/23	3rd year.	
438/29-30	9+1st year.	540/16	3rd year and 201 days.	
459/09	14th year.	31-32/24	3+1st year.	
660/16	14th year and 345 days.	33-34/34	3+2nd year.	
327/08	15th year.	27-28/24	3+3rd year.	
333/16		435/29-30 368/29-30	3+3rd year.	
B. Pātalavaņitai.		302/S. I. I., V.	3rd year+1,002nd day.	
No.	Date.	337/16	3+4th year, 3+4th year,	
720/16	2nd year.	29/28-29	3+4th year.	
301/8. I. I., V	2nd year and 35 days.	484/16	9th year.	
428/8. I. I., V	3rd year+504 days.	438/29-30	9th year.	
664-666/16	3+7th year. 3rd year and 2,838 days.	543/22	9th year and 216 days.	
370/16	3+7th year. 3+7th year (2,690 days)	302/29-30	9th year-1925 days.	

C. Parinkijatti—contd.		C. Pürinkifatti—soneld.	
No.	Date,	No.	Date.
303/29-30	9+1+1st year.	685/16	13th year+2,230 days.
519/11	9+1+1st year.	687/16	13th year+2,313 days.
313/23	9+3rd year.	78/28-29	13th+6th year (13th+2,140
654/16	*+3rd year.	AT 120	days.)
655/16	*+3rd year.	35/27	13th+7th year.
80/28-29	13th year.	613/26	13th+8th year.
546, 549, 550/16	13th year and 148 days, 13+1st	502/16	13th+8th year (18th+3,090 days).
412/S. I. I., V.	year. 13+1st year.	37/24	13th+9th year.
31/27	13+1st year.	40/24	13th+9th year.
- 9		375/29-30	13+10th year.
269/29-30	I3+1st year.	319/23	13+10th year.
295/29-30	13th year +500 days.	123/08	13+11th year
275/29-30	13th year+902 days.	616/26	13+12th year.
431/29-30	13+3rd year.	99/07	13+12th year.
20/27	13+3rd year.	415/8. I. I., V.	1900 E 1900 E 1900
581/15	13+4th year.		13+13th year.
378/29-30	13+5th year.	322/23	13+13th year.
684/16 This is connect-	13+5th year.	54/27	13+13th year.
ed with No. 685/16 545/22	13+5th year.	298/27-28	13+14th year.
677/16) These are con-	18+5th year.	59/28-29	13+14th year.
679/16 nected with No. 678/16.	13+5th year.	60/28-29	13+15th year.
509-510/16	13th year+1,445 days.	279/29-30	13+47** days.
		466/16	* let year.
678/16	13th year+2,230 days.	94/07, 555/16, 25/24,	
680/16 and 682/16	13th year+5th (13th+2,230 days).	29/28-29 and 268/ 27-28.	
683/16	13th year+2,312 days.	. CONTRACT C	

By a glance at list A, it will be observed that six of the inscriptions, which are dated after the 4th year and perhaps also another, single out the 4th year of reign and count fresh regnal years or days from that date. And in going through list B, it will be seen that the year 3 is singled out in almost all the inscriptions. Similarly a glance at the dates of the inscriptions in list C will show that the years 3, 9 and 13 are marked years. In the last list, all the inscriptions after the 3rd year up to the 9th year are marked as 3 plus, those after the 9th up to the 13th year are marked 9 plus, and the rest dated later than the 13th are marked as 13 plus. The special treatment, which these years get in the respective introductions, seems strongly to point out that the kings represented in them might be different. Secondly, there is not much in common in the three introductions. In fact, nothing of importance is recorded in any of them. It is further worthy of note that the latest regnal years in the three introductions are different. The first, i.e., Pūtala-

madandai extends to 15 years, the second, i.e., Pūtalavanitai to 11 years, and the third, i.e., Pūvinkilatti to 28 years. Again, these lists show that there is no room for considering that a single
king employed one of the introductions up to a certain year of his reign, then adopted the second
and lastly the third. Neither could it be said that in a particular locality preference was given
to one or the other of the introductions, for we find that in the same place more than one of the
introductions are used. All the reasons recorded above indicate clearly that the kings who used
them must be different. Can palaeography be adduced as a ground for ascribing the three introductions to one sovereign? That ground is of little value in a case where there were more kings
than one ruling at the same time and over the same tract: and after all it can at best show only
a period of time and no fixed years. As far as I am able to judge, there is a gradual development
in characters from the inscriptions with Pūtalamadandai introduction through Pūvinkilatti to
Pūtalavanitai. The difference between the first and the last only is somewhat marked, but may
be due to the skill of the scribes or other causes.

We shall now see whether the evidence of the astronomical details furnished in the above collection and their verification support or controvert the finding we have arrived at above or remain neutral. In the collection of 16 epigraphs with Pūtalamaḍandai introduction there is but a single one that supplies us with details of date fit for calculation, while there are at least three in the Pūtalavaṇitai group and 6 in the Pūvinkilatti epigraphs. All of them except one of the Pūtalavaṇitai group have been examined and their equivalents determined as noted under:—

No. 297/27-28 Pūtalamaḍandai. 9th year, Mīna,...... dvitīyā, Saturday, Rōhiṇī. This date was calculated for Jaṭāvarman I of Pūviņkilatti introduction with A.D. 1190 as the date of accession and equated to A.D. 1199, February, 27, Saturday, with the remark that Rōhiṇī was not current on the day. The date is irregular.

No. 370/16 Pūtalavanitai. 3+7th year, Mārgali 20 tēdi, Sunday, saptamī, Uttara-Bhādrapadā. 7th Year is given in the inscription as 2,690 days. This date correctly works out to Sunday, 16th December, A.D. 1246 and it was 20 Mārgali. The note of the late Mr. Swamikannu Pillai against this is "The Epigraphist says that the introduction is that of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I, but the day of solar month which is a characteristic indication points only to the later reign, that of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara II of A. D. 1237".

No. 720/16 Pūtalavaņitai. 2nd year, Mīna 22, śu. 10, Wednesday, Pushya. "On Wednesday, 16th March A.D. 1239 (=22 Mēsha), śu. daśamī ended at .53 and Pushya at .19 of day. This was the 2nd year of the same Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara as the above."

No. 301 of S. I. I., Vol. V (Pūtalavaņitai)—2nd year, Tulā, ba. 6, Thursday, Mṛigaśīrshā. Not calculated. See below, p. 82 for equivalent.

No. 80/28-29. Pūviņkilatti. 13th year, Āṇi 19, śu. trayōdaśī, Tuesday, Mūlam. "Probably A.D. 1250, June 14, Tuesday; f.d.n. .39. The tithi was, however, chaturdaśī which was current till .85 of the day."

No. 337/16. Do. 3+4th year, Karkaṭaka, 13 tēdi, śu. 12, Monday, Jyēshṭhā=A.D. 1196 (which was the 7th year of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara who ascended the throne in A.D. 1190), Monday, 8th July (=13 Karkaṭaka) on which day śu. 12 ended at .89 and Nakshatra Jyēshṭhā at .44 of day.

No. 545/22. Do. 13+5th year, Kanni 9, śu. 14, Thursday, Śatabhishaj = A.D. 1207, September 6, Thursday; .97; .44.

No. 313/23. Pūviņkilatti. 9+3rd year, Vrišchika 27, Friday, dvādašī, Šōdi =Friday, 23rd November, A.D. 1201. As pointed out by Swamikannu Pillai (An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1924, p. 88), the solar month-date is Vrišchika 27 according to the Sūrya-Siddhānta. The framer of the inscription must have obtained it from a Pañchānga calculated according to that system. There are instances of this kind.

No. 322/23. Pūviņkilatti. 13+13th year, Karkataka 25, ba. 10, Tuesday, Kārttigais A.D. 1215, July 21, Tuesday. The tithi ba. 10 commenced at 97 of the day and the Nakshatra Karttigai ended at 86 of day.

The Large Tiruppűvanam plates. Pűvipkilatti. 13+12th year, Dhanus 4, ba. 11, Saturday, Svāti. Saturday, 29th November, A.D. 1214. (Kielhorn's Southern List, No. 890.)

In the above, it will be noted (i) that the particulars of date furnished in the Pūtalamadandai collection do not work out correctly for Jatavarman Kulasekhara I whose reign commenced in A.D. 1190, (ii) that the two dated inscriptions of Pütalavanilai group examined so far work out correctly for Jațăvarman Kulasēkhara II who began his reign in A.D. 1237, and are incorrect for Kulašēkhara I whose accession fell in A.D. 1190, and (iii) that all the dated inscriptions in the Parinkilatti group have correct equivalents for the king with the initial year 1190. Apparently under the belief that the three different introductions belonged to one king, i.e., Jatavarman Kulašēkhara I, the Epigraphist informed the calculator that the introduction of No. 376 (Pataloranitai) is that of Jațāvarman Kulasēkhara I. Having considered this information also, the late Swamikannu Pillai noted that the day of the solar month—which is a characteristic indication points only to the later reign, i.e., Japavarman Kulašēkhara II of A.D. 1237. Thus, the evidence of the astronomical details leaves no doubt as to the introduction Pūtalavaņitai being one of Jațāvarman Kulašēkhara II, and is positively against the earlier king whose accession fell in A.D. 1190 and who had the introduction Pūcipkilatti. The late Swamikannu Pillai's calculations and our finding that the records of Jațāvarman Kulaśēkhara with the introduction Pūtalavagitai belong to a later reign is still further supported by two other inscriptions as we shall presently show. In the latter part of a Patalavapital record of Tenkarai whose text is given in the South-Indian Inscriptions, Volume V, No. 301, are given the details 2nd year, Tula, ba. 6, Thursday, Mrigašīrshā. For Jatāvarman Kulašēkhara I, whose accession took place between 8th April and 29th November, A.D. 1190, we cannot find a suitable date answering to these details in A.D. 1191 or 1192 which were respectively the current and expired 2nd year of his reign. But for Jajāvarman Kulašēkhara II, whose reign commenced between 24th July and 16th December, A.D. 1237, and whose 2nd year fell in A.D. 1238, the details work out correctly. In A.D. 1238, Tula, ba. 6 ended at .90 and Nakshatra Mrigasirsha at .35 of day on Thursday, September 30. Like the two records calculated by Swamikannu Pillai, this one also proves that the introduction Pātalavaņitai belongs to Jațāvarman Kulašēkhara II and not to the first of that name. The other inscription which supports our finding is part of a triple record with Patalavanitai introduction and is dated in the 3+7th year of reign and mentions Vikrama-Chōja.1 Vikrama-Chola figuring herein could be no other than the Kongu Chola prince, who, a few years later, ascended the throne in A.D. 1255. That princes of other dynasties who were related to the Pandyas were staying with and serving the Pandya kings before the time of their own accession is amply borne out by some of the inscriptions noticed in this paper.

It remains now to determine to which other Jațăvarman Kulaśekhara the introduction Pūtalamadandai belonged. An inscription from Tirupputtūr in the Ramnad District of Tribhuvanachakravartin Kulašēkharadēva without the title Māravarman or Jațāvarman, is dated in the year opposite the fourth and furnishes astronomical details-Karkataka 27, Röhini, Saturday. This date was calculated by the late Swamikannu Pillai and found to agree correctly with A.D. 1166, 23rd July. Saturday.* From the method of dating of the record alone, it may be said that it is one belonging to the reign of Jațāvarman Kulaśēkhara with Pūtalamadandai introduction for, as had been observed by me already, the inscriptions of his reign had that characteristic

¹ Nos. 672 to 674 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916.

² Indian Ephemeris, Part II of Vol. I, pp. 87-88,

feature, viz., of counting fresh regnal years after the 4th. Thus, it is now clear that the three different introductions belong to three different kings who bore in common the title Jațăvarman and the name Kulašēkhara. The earliest of these kings was the one that had the Pātalamaḍandai introduction, the middle one adopted the Pavinkilatti introduction, while the last used the Patalavanitai introduction. The first counted his regnal years from A.D. 1162 and had a reign of at least 15 years as at present known extending up to A.D. 1176-77, a special event in his carreer marking out the end of the fourth year of his reign (=A.D. 1166-7). This year the students of Pandya history know to be the year of commencement of the civil war in the Pandya country. There is thus no doubt that this must have been the Kulaśekhara who killed Parakrama-Pandya and waged a prolonged war against his son Vira-Pandya and the allied forces of the Sinhalese generals sent by Parakrama-Bahu of Ceylon. The importance of the year is brought out by the fact that the members of the assembly (Mülaparishad) of Tirupputtur in the Ramnad District wished to pay their respects to His Majesty the Pandya sovereign and utilised the amount realised in making tax-free, a land given to the temple in order to meet the expenses of their journey to Madura, the capital of the empire.3 It is not unlikely that other villages also sent in their representatives to the capital for the same purpose. Perhaps it was then that Kulasekhara launched on the momentous programme of war against Parakrama, laid siege to the city of Madura with a view to capture it, and forced Parakrama to sue for help to the king of Ceylon. We learn from the Mahāramsa that the first event in this war was the siege of Madura by Kulasekhara-Pandya. There is an echo of the fact in a lithic record of the South Kongu king Rajakësarivarman Kulöttunga (A.D. 1149-83) who, it may be said, was interested in the welfare and success of Kulasekhara, that young king being his sister's son. This lithic record which comes from Neruvūr2 states that the Kongu king, set out on an expedition against Madura with the express object of capturing it for his nephew (marumagan) Kulašēkhara-Pandya, and that on the said occasion directed the sabhā of the place to make a brahmadēya gift of some lands in Manimangalam, which had been his camping ground, as a yātrādāna to his purchita Aļvār Śribalidēva. The year of this important record is specially worthy of note. It is dated in the 17th year of the reign of Rajakësarivarman Kulöttungadeva corresponding to A.D. 1166-7, the very year of commencement of the Pandyan civil war and one that was marked 4+1st year of the reign of Kulašēkhara. Thus, the evidence of all sources, viz., those furnished by the Mahāvamsa, the Neruvūr and Tirupputtūr inscriptions and the computation of astronomical details with the solar day, which the calculator regards as a characteristic indication, occurring in an epigraph dated in the 4+1st year, which kind of dating, we note, is a characteristic feature of the inscriptions with Pūtalomadandai introduction, bear out the particular importance of that year and single out the Kulaśekhara of the Pandyan civil war. If more evidence is needed to further corroborate the identity of Jatavarman Kulaśekhara of Pūtalamadandai introduction with Kulašēkhara of the civil war, it is supplied by a Tenkarai inscription with that identical introduction, dated in the 3rd year of reign, telling us that the chief Solan Silamban alias Vīrachoja-Lankēšvaradēva, a sāmanta of prince (Perumāļ) Vīrachojadēva of Ten-Kongu was already in the vicinity of Madura.3 Kongu-Chola inscriptions leave no doubt as to Virachola being a prince of that dynasty that eventually succeeded Rajakesarivarman Kulottunga noticed above. And the year of the inscription, which is A.D. 1164, shows that the chief was there immediately prior to the commencement of the war and the purpose is evident; and the Neruvur inscription explains it by telling us as to what followed. It speaks of the premeditated action of Kulašēkhara.

¹ No. 101 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1908.

No. 336 of the same collection for 1927-28.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 296.

Before proceeding further, it may be advantageous to consider here the relationship of some of the mediaeval Pandya kings found in inscriptions. Tamil epigraphs, when they intend to convey definite relationship, use appropriate and unambiguous terms to denote them. We meet with terms like tiruttagappanāri or ayyari for father, annāfrii or annari for elder brother, akkani for elder sister, deviyare for queen, maganars or pillaiyars for son, magalar or pen-pillars for daughter, marumaganār10 for nephew or sister's son, maittupapār11 for brother-in-law, ammān11 for uncle, appattur13 for great grandfather, etc. To denote simply a predecessor, be he distant or near, or any elder or senior member, deceased or living, the terms periyavar, periyadevar or periyanayanar are employed . In dealing with the Tinnevelly inscription of Maravarman Sundara-Pandya II, I pointed out, by two telling instances, that periyadecar or periyanayonar cannot definitely indicate a father.14 One of the inscriptions found at Puravari near Nagarcoil, dated in the 16th year of the reign of the Pandya Marayarman Śrivallabhadeva speaks of a son of the king by name Kulaśekharadevan and another inscription found at Kottaikkarungulam in the Tinnevelly District, dated in the 2nd year and 600th day of the same king's reign, states that the Viresvaramudaiyar was re-named Kulaščkhara-Išvaramudaivār after the name of the king's father, thus letting us know that Marayarman Śrīvallabha's father was also called Kulaśčkhara. 18 Here, therefore, there are two Kulaščkharas, one being the grandfather of the other. Both of them may be tentatively assumed to have borne the title Jatavarman from the fact that the middle member Srivallabha was styled Märavarman. One other fact that is known is that Märavarman Srivallabha flourished about the middle of the 12th century A.D. being a contemporary of Viraravivarman-Tiruvadi, in all probability a ruler of Vēṇādu, for whom a date Kollam 336 (A.D. 1161) has been discovered. 17 There is thus every possibility of Maravarman Srivallabha's son being that Kulašēkhara in whose reign, in about A.D. 1166-7, the civil war in the Pandya country commenced. As we have already shown that the war must have been started in the reign of Jatavarman Kulašēkhara who had the introduction Pūtalamadandai, our assumption that Mūravarman Šrīvallabha's son Kulasekhara might be a Jatavarman becomes strengthened and his ancestry also settled. With this information before us, we cannot but assign the Kalladakurichi inscription,18 dated in the 2nd year of the reign of Jatavarman Tribhuvanchakravartin Kulasekharadeva, which mentions periyanayanar Śrivallabhadeva, to Jatavarman Kulasekharadeva with Patalamadandai introduction, and regard the Srivallabha referred to therein as being identical with Maravarman Srivallabha of A.D. 1161, the father and predecessor of king Jatavarman Kulasekhara with Patalamadandai introduction.

With the materials available to us from inscriptions and other sources we have shown the significance of the end of the 4th year of the reign of Japavarman Kulasekhara that started the civil war and noted that it marks the day of triumph of Kulasekhara over his adversary Parakrama-Pandya, who, it is said, had been put to death even before the arrival of the forces from Cevlon.

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No. 271 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.
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^{*} Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

⁷ Nos. 425, 426 and 448 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1913, and S. L. L., Vol. IV, No. 529,

Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

^{*} Nos. 314 and 315 of 1923.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 296.

^{*} No. 31 of S. I. I., Vol. VI.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 234.

³⁰ No. 336 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28. n S. I. J., Vol. V, Nos. 293 and 421.

¹¹ No. 327 of 1916.

¹² S. I. I., Vol. V. No. 446.

¹⁴ Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

¹⁴ No. 50 of 1896.

¹⁸ No. 271 of 1927-28.

¹⁷ An. Rep. on Epigrophy, Madrus, for 1896, p. 5, paragraph 15.

^{3*} No. 110 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907.

The year under consideration is thus the last year of the reign of Parakrama-Pandya. While Kulašekhara is represented by inscriptions, there is every reason to expect the records of his adversary also. And I think there could not be any possible objection to say that the ill-fated Parakrama-Pandya is the Marayarman Parakrama-Pandya with the introduction Tirumagalpuyara. In this connection, it may be noted that no other Parakrama-Pandya with a different indroduction assignable to this period has at all come to light. So far as is known at present, his reign extends to 12 years, and if the year A.D. 1166 marks the end of his rule, his accession must be placed in A.D. 1154. The late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri expressed the view that Märavarman Paräkrama-Pändya must have been a predecessor of or co-regent with either of the two Śrivallabhas, and, judging from the position which the introduction of Maravarman Śrivallabha occupied in a record belonging to the time of Maravarman Parakrama-Pandya found at Kuruvitturai, the said it was evident that the latter was a predecessor of the former. The conclusion we have arrived at above, etc., that Maravarman Parakrama-Pandya reigned from A.D. 1154 to 1166 well establishes this inference. The Mahāvamsa tells us that Parākrama had a son named Vira-Pandya who was set up on the Pandya throne by the Sinhalese generals according to the instructions given to them by their king Parakrama-Bahu. Inscriptions of the reign of Kulottungs III refer to an unnamed son of this Vira-Pandya and say that he fought along with his father against the Cholas and shared his defeat more than once. It is a question if the setting up of Vira-Pandya on the Pandya throne by the Sinhalese generals could be taken seriously, and whether it was at all recognised by the people, even if it were a fact. For all that we see Vira-Pandya had not the usual coronation ceremony. Neither are there any inscriptions attributable to his reign. From the moment of his father's death he had been contesting with Kulasekhara for kingdom and crown. And so long as the reign of Kulasekhara lasted, Vira-Pandya's rule may be said not to have commenced. Since we know from the records with the introduction Pútalamadandai that Kulaščkhara held the reins of government till at least A.D. 1176, it may be said that Vira-Pandya commenced his rule in this year. To this end, the information furnished in two inscriptions of Rājādhirāja II, both dated in the 12th year and 157th day, i.e., the 13th year also leads us. The records under reference come from Tiruvalangadu in the North Arcot District and Tirumayanam in the Pudukköttai State and are almost exact copies. Though the latter record is fragmentary, Mr. Venkatasubba Aiyar has, by carefully comparing it with the damaged portions of the former inscription, been able to fill in certain lacunae in it. He tells us that the Pandya king Kulaśekhara, ignoring the good deeds done to him, proved a traitor, made an al-Hance with the king of Ilam and conspired with him against the Cholas. And some letters and presents despatched to the officers of Kulaśčkhara, hinting that the Sinhalese king was an ally of their master, were intercepted by the Chola king who directed the chief Pallavarayan to reinstate on the Pandya throne Vira-Pandya, the son of Parakrama-Pandya, the former protégé of Ceylon.3 Vira-Pandya's reign which thus commenced in and synchronised with the fall of Kulašēkhara in A.D. 1176, did not last long, for we know from the Tirukkollambūdūr inscription that by A.D. 1182 he drove Maravarman Vikrama-Pandya to the necessity of suing for help to the Chôla king Kulöttunga and this cost him his own crown and kingdom. We have no direct information as to who this Māravarman Vikrama-Pāndya was, but, as had been assumed, he might be the son of Kulasekhara.

We now pass on to notice another clear relationship mentioned in the inscriptions of the mediaeval Pāṇḍya kings. Numerous epigraphs of Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha with the introduction

¹ No. 328 of the Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1908.

An. Rep. on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1909, p. 84, paragraph 29,

³ Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 187-8.

⁴ S. I. I., Vol. VI, No. 430.

Tirumadandaiyum are registered in the Annual Reports on South Indian Epigraphy. Four of these mention Sundara-Pandya as the king's son, and the fifth states that a royal order was issued by Sundara-Pandya without specifying his relationship to the king.1 They are dated in the 4th, 17th and 19th years, the last being of the 9th year of reign. Knowing the fact that Jatavarman Śrivallabha had a son named Sundara-Pāṇḍya, there is a possibility of taking Māravarman Sundara-Pandya I, in whose 9th year record, a copy of a grant made in the 3rd year of the reign of Jațăvarman Śrīvallabha is registered,2 to be this prince. If this were the case, Jațăvarman Śrivallabha would have to be assigned to the period A.D. 1193 to 1216, as the highest regnal year furnished for him in inscriptions is 23.3 This is very unlikely to judge from the contents of some of the inscriptions of Jatavarman Śrīvallabha. That he was not far removed from the time of the Chola king Kulottunga I can be inferred from the fact that a chief of Adalaiyur-naque by name Mummudisölan Virasékharar figures both in a 4th year inscription of his and in a 49th year record. of Kulottunga.4 That he must have been quite near in point of time to Maravarman Parakrama-Pandya is made evident from the fact that a certain chief named Seraman Tolan figures in the epigraphs of both these sovereigns. It is said that at the instance of this chief Parakrama-Pandya made a gift of the village of Sengulam alias Viraiyavitankanallür to the Mülasthanam-udaiyar temple at Kattikkallür: * and he figures as a signatory in a grant of Jatavarman Śrīvallabha. It is further worthy of note that a grant made by the same chief is mentioned as a past transaction in a record of the 9th year of Jatavarman Kulasekhara with Pūtalamadandas introduction. Thus, Jațăvarman Śrīvallabha appears to have ruled not long after Kulöttunga I, and immediately following Māravarman Parākrama, either as co-regent with or slightly before Kulašēkhara of the civil war. Further, it is found that the chief Kalingarayan was one of his principal advisers as well as of Jatavarman Kulaščkhara I (Pūviņkilatti).

From what we have discussed above it will be clear that there were the following lines of Pāndya kings in the mediaeval period :-

- (i) the line of Maravarman Śrīvallabha headed by Kulaśškhara-Pandya. To it belonged Jațăvarman Kulašekhara whose inscriptions have the Putalamadandai introduction, the king that was principally concerned in the civil war. His accession took place in A.D. 1162. On his side were the kings of the two Kongus and the Cholas. Maravarman Vikrama-Pandya was probably his son and successor. The termination of Kulasēkhara's rule was brought about by the Chōla Rājādhirāja II in A.D. 1176, on his proving a traitor to the cause of his benefactor; and in the abort period from this date and A.D. 1183, the date of accession of Maravarman Vikrama-Pandya, Vira-Pāṇḍya, the son of Parākrama-Pāṇḍya, ruled.
- (ii) The line of Parakrama-Pāṇḍya which counted himself, his son Vīra-Pāṇḍya and the latter's son whose name is not revealed in Chōla inscriptions. There are strong grounds for supposing that this unnamed son must be Maravarman Sundara-Pandya L.

¹ Madras Epigraphical Collection, No. 493 of 1909, Nos. 266 and 277 of 1927-28, No. 371 of 1929-30 and No. 326 of 1908.

² No. 683 of the same collection for 1905. The gift was made to the temple of Tiruvēdagamudaiya-Nāyapår at Tiruvédagam in Påganör-kürram.

No. 555 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1922.

No. 30 of the same collection for 1909.

No. 32 of the same collection.

^{*} No. 130 of the same collection for 1910.

⁷ S. I. I., Vol. V. Nos. 294 and 205,

The attitude of this king, even at the very first year of his accession to throne, not only towards the Chōlas but also towards the kings of the two Kongu countries, who had all along been the allies of Kulaśēkhara and Vikrama and formed formidable obstacles in the way of Vīra-Pāṇḍya and his supporters, presupposes a chapter of enmity between them; and his deeds are a rehearsal in the reverse order of what had passed in the past. He kept both the kings of Kongu in prison and in chains and led them on to his capital to do honour to his triumphant return to the city. The humiliation which he caused to the Chōlas was no less.

(iii) In the line of Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha, there was his son Sundara-Pāṇḍya who was old enough to be associated with him in the government of the country. This prince perhaps never succeeded to the throne, and if he did, he must have had a very brief reign in which he did not leave any inscriptions. Who his successor was, it is not possible to determine at present. But it appears certain that there was another Jaṭāvarman Śrīvallabha.

We cannot be sure if Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara with Pūviņkilatti introduction belonged to any one of the three lines noticed above or came of a different line. In dealing with the Tinnevelly inscription of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya II,¹ I pointed out that it is not absolutely certain that Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I and Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I had a common father in Māravarman Vikrama-Pāṇḍya.

The simultaneous existence of more than one king reigning over the Pandya country leads us to think that one among them must have held the chief power and that the rest were subordinate to him, though independent in their own spheres. What determined the claim for the prime position in the kingdom, we are yet to learn. All that we could gather from the account of the civil war is that there was some fixed principle followed in the choice of or claim for the position of honour. It has been shown above that when the civil war commenced, i.e., in A.D. 1167, Kulaśēkhara, one of the claimants to the throne at Madura, had completed four years of his reign and Parakrama-Pandya, the other claimant, had reigned for 12 years. The Sinhalese chronicle and the Chola and Kongu inscriptions lead us to think that the throne of the premier ruler at Madura fell vacant in A.D. 1167 and the succession to it was disputed by the rivals. For aught we see, most of the kings of the mainland supported the cause of Kulaśēkhara while the other received succour from the neighbouring island. It still remains to be known who it was that ruled in Madura till A.D. 1167. If seniority among the rulers determined the succession to the throne, there could not have been rival claims. Though Parakrama had reigned for 12 years on the date in question, it was Kulaśekhara that was supported by most of the kings in the south. This suggests that the principle was different. Future researches alone can enlighten us on the issue.

Now about the length of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I and about his successor. The highest regnal year² furnished for Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I in inscriptions is 30 which takes us to A.D. 1219-20. In about A.D. 1218-19, as will be shown presently, he seems to have fallen seriously ill and much concern was felt about his recovery. An inscription discovered at Kaṇṇaṇūr (in the Tirumeyyam Taluk of the Pudukköṭṭai State) states that, on the representation of Pillaiyār Alagapperumāl, king Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I issued an order in the 3rd year of his reign reducing the royal share of taxes due from two villages în

¹ Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 159.

² No. 246 of the Pudukköttai State collection.

Turumā-nādu in Kāṇa-nādu for the welfare and recovery from illness of Ulagudaiya-Nāyanār.1 The question is who are meant by Alagapperumal and Ulagudaiya-Nayanar. At first sight it might appear that Alagapperumāl must have been the son of Māravarman Sundara Pāṇḍya I and that by the term Ulagudaiya-Nāyanār, Māravarman Sundara-Pāndya himself must be meant. This is wrong. Since Alagapperumal figures in the large Tiruppuvanam plates with the prefix Pillaiyar, there is reason to take him to be the son of Jatavarman Kulasekhara I. He might have been continued to be called Pillaiyar in later days also. In the plates, his high status is indicated by his having had under him an official bearing the designation 'adigāram.' As Jatāvarman Kulašēkhara I was living at the time of the Kannanur inscription, we think the term Ulagudaiva-Nāyanār must refer to him and not to Māravarman Sundara-Păndya I. The concern of the prince about the father is natural. Another important fact that the inscription under reference reveals is that Maravarman Sundara-Pandya I. whose accession took place in A. D. 1216 and who appears to have been issuing records in his own name only from the 3rd year of his reign had been nominated already during the time of Kulasēkhara I and he might be said to have had a share in the government of the country even before his nomination. As we have no inscription dated later than the 29th year for Jațavarman Kulasekhara I which, by the way, is the same as the third year of the reign of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I, he must have succumbed to the disease referred to in the Kannanur record. The Sanskrit verse at the beginning of the plates under publication tells us that the king was apprised of the fact of completion of the formation of the village of Rajagambhīrachaturvēdimangalam by Sundarēša (Sundarēšād-avagata). From the facts just noticed, it seems likely that by Sundaresa is meant here Maravarman Sundara-Pandya I. Sundara's war against Kulöttunga III must have been conducted under the standard of Jațāvarman Kulašēkhara I or at least it must have been countenanced by him. In this connection, it may be noted that some of the persons that held offices under Kulaśekhara figure also in the records of Sundara. On the whole the reign of Jațăvarman Kulaśčkhara I appears to have been a prosperous one, undisturbed by any wars except in the closing years. The king seems to have had good regard for Vedic learning and patronised the scholars proficient in it by founding big villages and granting them as brahmadēyas provided with all facilities for good living. Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam is one of the biggest villages that was ever founded. To some extent the peace in the reign of Jatavarman Kulasēkhara I must be attributed to the decline of the Chola power which may be said to have commenced in the last decade of the 12th century A. D. not long after the interference of Kulottunga III in Pandyan affairs ending in the accession of Vikrama-Pāṇḍya Māravarman, when the Chōlas lost their hold on Conjeeveram, the second great city of the empire. In the latter part of the reign of Kulöttunga III there were several factions in the Chola country and though the heads of these factions recognised in a way the supreme authority of the Chola emperor there is not much doubt that the peace of the country was greatly disturbed by the part played by the parties. The differences among them, which remained unremoved for a long time, contributed largely to the rapid weakening of the empire and gave the enemies of the Cholas, who had suffered seriously before, an opportunity to wreak their vengeance. The time was favourable for the Pandyas to muster their strength and resources to try final issues with the Cholas in order to wipe out their disgrace. Just three years before the

¹ No. 250 of the same collection. In another inscription of Măravarman Sundara-Păndya I (date lost), Pilloiyâr Alagapperumăl figures as consecrating a God in the temple of Tiruvengaivăsal în Pudukkôttai State and making a gift of land to it. It is added that the prince was in possession of the District at the time (No. 327).

end of the reign of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I, the Pāṇḍyas under the lead of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I, won laurels in the field against the Chōlas and the kings of the two Koṅgu countries, and this practically brought the civil war to a culmination.¹ That this war was directed against the Chōla and Koṅgu kings prevents any possibility of taking Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I and Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I to be the descendants of Kulaśēkhara of the civil war with Pūtalamaḍandai introduction.

Now we come to the consideration of the geographical names. The inscription under edition mentions a good number of districts and sub-divisions. They are: (1) Milalai-kūrram, (2) Muttūrru-kūrram, (3) Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu, (4) Madurodaya-vaļanādu and (5) Šolapāndiyavalanādu among Districts; and (6) Mādakkulam, (7) Alagiyapāndiyakkulam, (8) Rājašingankulam, (9) Vadatalai-Sembi-nādu, (10) Poliyūr-nādu, (11) Karungudi-nādu, (12) Purapparaļainādu, (13) Tīyandaikkudi-nādu, (14) Kīţ-Sembi-nādu, (15) Paṇangalūr-nādu, (16) Kāñai-Irukkai, (17) Kīraņūr-nādu, (18) Tiruvāvaņam, (19) Mērkudi-nādu and (20) Kaļavaļi-nādu among sub-divisions. The villages under No. 1 are Parantakanallur and Tandalai. No. 2 had Kappalur, No. 3 Veliyārrūr, No. 4 Madurai, No. 5 Siru-Paśalai, No. 6 Madurai, No. 7 Māranūr, Sirukuļattūr, Vellūrkuruchchi and Vellūr, No. 8 Rājēndiram and Tiruppūvaņam, No. 9 Āykkudi, No. 10 Arungulam and Poliyūr, No. 11 Kīl-Nettūr alias Kīrtiviśālaiyanallūr, No. 12 Puttūr, Kallikkudi and Milaganūr, No. 13 Kīt-Pasaiai alias Dāṇaviṇōdanallūr, Mēr-Pasalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam and Māṇavīramangalam, No. 14 Mālangudi, No. 15 Adikarai, No. 16 Iruñchirai and Mittiravēli, No. 17 Vidattal alias Mānābharaņa-chaturvēdimangalam, Vēļūr, Nakkamangalam, Vāgaikudi, Tiruvāvaņam, Tuttiyūr and Kirungākköttai, No. 18 Marudūr and No. 19 Merkudi and Annalvav.

Of the Districts, Milalai-kūrram and Muttūrru-kūrram have a separate history which is worth noting and which, owing to the formation of modern districts, has been badly misconceived. As regards the position of these two ancient territorial divisions, whether they were in the Chōla country or not, we have to know the southern limit of the Chōla country which would determine at once the northern boundary of the Pāṇḍyan kingdom.² It is stated in the Tamil Sōlamaṇḍalaśatakam³ that the boundaries of the Chōla country were the river Vellāru in the north and south, Kōṭṭaikkarai in the west and the sea in the east. A verse attributed to the Tamil poet Kambar calls the northern boundary Ēṇāṭṭu-Vellāru⁴ and thus distinguishes it from the

Selluń-kuṇapār-rirai-vēlai teṇpār-chelitta Vellāru
Velluń-Köṭṭaikkarai vilaṅgu mēlpāl vaḍapāl Vellārē

Ellaiy-oru-nāṇgiṇuṅ=kādam=irupā-ṇāṇgum=iḍam peridā Mallal vālvu talaitt=ŏṅgum valañ-chēr Śŏla-maṇḍalamē ||

4 The following is the stanza:-

Kadal kilakku=tterku=kkarai-pural-Velläru Kuda-tiśaiyir-Kōttaikkaraiyām vada-tiśaiyil Ēṇāttu Vellär=irupattu-nār-kādam Śōṇāttukk-ellaiyeṇa-chchol ||

¹ A later record of the time of Māravarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I dated in the 21st year of his reign (=A.D. 1237) tells us that owing to the imposition of taxes on dēvadāna lands during the time of the Kannaḍiyar there was no money in the treasury of the temple at Kōṭṭaiyūr in Kāṇa-nāḍu and that the temple authorities had to sell away some of the temple lands (No. 310 of the Pudukkōṭṭai State collection). About the same time, we have an inscription at Tirugōkarṇam, dated in the 20th year of Rājarāja III which registers gifts made for the merit of the sons of Sōmaladēviyār the queen of Narasimha and the mother of Sōmēśvara of Dōrasamudram (No. 183 of the Pudukkōṭṭai State collection). These two inscriptions testify to the fact that the Hoysalas aided the Chōlas against the Pāṇḍyas.

² For the present we leave out of consideration the minor principalities: they will be dealt with separately.

³ The verse runs as follows: it is given here for easy reference:—

other Velläru which formed the southern boundary of the country. Students unacquainted with the ancient Indian morality of warfare, which in most cases left the territories unaffected by the results of war, might think that the boundaries given above only represent what they were at the time when the author of the Solamandalasatakam and Kambar flourished, and as such, cannot be taken as true for earlier times. This notion is not correct. One can indeed see positive proof afforded by the statements of the two authorities, who were removed from each other in point of time and yet described in identical terms the boundaries, thus showing that the limits given were those in the past ages, not of their own. Annexation of territories did occur but they were rare. Whether rare or frequent, it must be further noted that such instances did not affect the geography of the place; and this will be made clear as we proceed. Another fact that is likely to mislead the student is the ancient practice of naming conquered territories after the names or surnames of the victor. It might be said that the fresh names given to places did not wipe out the older ones but were added on to them as later surnames to indicate, by the mere mention of the name with its surname, to whom or to which country the places originally belonged and who acquired it or re-named it in later times. Thus, in the double names such as Kong-ana Vīrašola-mandalam, Ganga-mandalam-ana Nigarilisõla-mandalam, Tondai-nad-ana Javangondasola-mandalam, Rājarāja-Pāndinādu, etc., one is clearly enabled to know what the ancient name of the district or province was in spite of its passing into other hands in later days. Here it might be added that it is the original name that survives in each case at the present day and not the later ones. For example, though the Pallavas ceased to be a ruling power after the Chola Aditya I conquered their country in the 9th century A.D. and Rajaraja I gave that country the new name Jayangondasola-mandalam, it is the ancient name Tondai-nadu or Tondaimandalam that persists. Similarly, in the case of the Pandya country, which was first conquered by Parantaka I in the 10th century A.D. and was re-named Rajaraja-Pandinadu in the 11th century, the name Pandi-nadu or Pandi-mandalam exists even today. The conquerors themselves carefully minded preserving the original names. Thus in the stamp of double names impressed on the places in inscriptions, there is sure indication as to what ancient dominion the places at first belonged.

Vellaru being the southern limit of the ancient Chola dominions, the territory lying to the south of it must have belonged to any other kingdom than Sonadu or Sola-mandalam. That it was actually so is proved both by inscriptions and by the Tamil literature as will be seen in the sequel. Now we shall take up that portion of the Arantangi Taluk which lies to the south of the Vellagu river, and therefore clearly outside the Chola dominion, and see to what country it belonged. Roughly, this tract is something like a triangle with one of its points turned southwards ending in Tiruppunavāšal and having its base in the north running from west to east along the course of the river Vellaru as it flows into the sea just at the north of Manamelkudi and east of Tandalai. Out of this triangle, a portion on the north-western side falls in the Pudukköttai State. It will be observed that the line 79° 5' cuts this triangle almost into two halves, one in the east and the other in the west. The portion on the eastern side forms the seaboard and extends from the mouth of the Vellagu in the north to the mouth of the Pambaru in the south. The western portion adjoins the Pudukköttai State and the Rāmnād and Sivaganga Zamindaries and in this region the river Pambaru is seen to mark the western boundary of a portion of the southern part of the modern Arantangi Taluk. Almost the whole of this tract of land was included in Milalaikürram. This Milalai-kürram is a natural division, an island formed by the rivers Velläru and Pāmbāru and the sea. Over it there reigned in early times a chieftain named Vēl-Evvi, of ancient

stock, and famous for the munificence of gifts which he made.1 He was the immediate ancestor or a near relation of Vēl-Pāri who, like him, had earned a similar renown which made the Saiva saint Sundaramūrti-Nāyanār celebrate him in one of the Tēvāram hymns,2 Vēļ-Evvi is said to have been defeated by the Pandya king Talaiyālanganattu-seruvenra-Nedunjeliyan.3 Vēl-Pāri's liberality was such that he is said to have presented away all the 300 villages over which he was lord.4 If there is truth in these statements, the family of Evvi and Pari should have ceased to exist as a ruling power in or immediately after the time of the Pandya Nedunjeliyan and the tract of country formerly subject to them, of which the principal one was Milalai-kurram, should have passed into the hands of the Pandyas and included in their dominion, i.e., Pandimandalam. It is quite in agreement with this that the inscriptions refer to Milalai-kurram as a district of the Pāṇḍya country. This ancient district of Pāṇḍimaṇḍalam had three divisions named after the directions in which they lay, viz., Kīl-kūrru, the eastern division which adjoined the sea, Mēlkūrru, the western division which included in it the villages adjoining the river Pāmbāru, and Naduvir-kürru, which lay between these two. There are enough geographical references to the various divisions of this ancient district and the villages situated in them; but they lie scattered and unrecognised in the vast number of South Indian epigraphs. A mere collection of the references found in lithic records of past ages, arranged and classified under the three divisions named above, followed by the identification of the places mentioned therein and spotting them in a map is sure to remove much of our ignorance and misconception relating to this district and prove to be of value in locating easily fresh places that future discoveries might bring to light. The popular idea that all places included in the modern District of Tanjore must have belonged to the Cholas or, in other words, that the Tanjore District represents the ancient Chola dominion is wrong and must account for the misconception that Milalai-kurram with its sister district of Mutturrukurram should have been in the possession of the ancient Cholas and included in their dominion. From what has been said above, it will be clear that excepting perhaps a small portion to the north of the Vellaru river, the rest of the Arantangi Taluk lay outside the Chola dominion and that this tract was first subject to the rule of Vel-Evvi and subsequently passed into the hands of the Pandyas and was ever afterwards geographically included in Pandimandalam and formed a major portion of two of the divisions of the ancient district of Milalai-kurram. The following is almost an exhaustive list of the villages in Milalai-kurram found in the inscriptions of the South Indian epigraphical collection. They are noted under the respective divisions to which they belonged and in such an order as would admit of easy identification.

In an inscription, Tiruvādavūr is said to have been situated in Ten-Parambu-nāḍu, a subdivision of Pāṇḍi-maṇḍalam. (No. 423 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII.)

^{1 &}quot; Ömbāv-īgai mā-Vēļ-Evvi" and "Ton-mudir Vēļir" are the expressions used in describing him in Puram 24.

² Verse 2 of Sundaraműrtti-Nāyanār's hymn on Tiruppugalűr.

³ Puram 24. The words used are "Milalaiyodu * * * * Muttūru tanda korra-nīl-kudai-kkodi-ttēr-chCheliyan."

⁴ Puram 110. The relevant portion runs thus:— Kadand-adu-tāṇai mūvirun-kūdiyudanranirāyinum Parambu kolark-aridē Munnūr-ūrttē tan-Parambu-nan-nāḍu Munnūr-ūrum pariáilar perranar.

⁵ There is a valuable contribution in the *Kongumalar* (Vol. IV, pp. 80f.) by Mr. K. S. Vaidyanathan on 'Vēļ-Evvi and his country' where he has collected together most of the references to Milalai-kūrram and Muttūrru-kūrram found in inscriptions and Tamil classical works and has successfully established that these two Districts originally belonged only to Vēļ-Evvi.

Milalai-kürram.

Kil-kürru.

Tandalai.2

Maņamēlkudi alias

Kulöttungasö apattinam.3

Manjakkudi.*

Embal olios Kaliyugaramanallur.

Ponparri.e Vanganagar.7

Seyyānam alias Parākramapāndiya-

nallür. Koluvanür.9

Vetehiyür alias Mummadisolanal-

Vilattür alias Jayangoodasõlanal.11

Naduvir-karra.

Avudaiyārköyil¹² or Tirupperundurai alias Pavitramāņikka-chaturvédimangalam.

Tachchanenmali.13

Tunjalur.16

Amaradi (or "dakki) mangalam.11

Paravilimangalam.18

Vilankātjūr alias Vikrama-ojanal-

lar lu

Pullürkkudi,18

Parantakanallür alian Kulöttnngasolanaliür.90

Padukkudi.30

Měl-kůrru (Vada-Pămbărru-nădu)

Aévatavattūr."

Alappirandan-Bamiyar.

Majavar-manikkam. 23

Sendamangalam.24 Enangalür. 11

Mümmör.

Tannir-Andakkudi alias Darani-

vichchüdiranallür.38

Sundarapāņdiya nallūr.27

Vaikundanallūr. 28 Nulambūr.23

The villages are arranged from north to south in the above list to dispense with the necessity of a map.

If the southern portion of the modern Arantangi Taluk is divided into two halves by drawing a vertical line north-south one can find without any exception all the places of the Kīl-kūrru in the eastern half which adjoins the Bay of Bengal, and all the places of the Naduvir-kürru on the western half, with the exception of Parantakanallur alias Kulottungasolanallur. The last men-

8 No. 448 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII. *No. 372 of S. I. I., Vol. IV.

4 Ibid., No. 210.

3 Ibid.

7 No. 380 of the Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1929-30.

No. 462 of the same collection and No. 301 of S. I. L. Vol. V.

* No. 460 of the Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1909.

10 S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372; Vol. V, Nos. 301, 446; and A. S. S. I., pp. 48 and 52.

¹² Mad. Ep. Colln. No. 15 of 1924 and No. 694 of 1916.

18 S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.

11 Ibid., No. 432.

This District was sometimes called Geyavinoda-valanadu (No. 442 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30), which was one of its Divisions (551 of 1926). Besides the villages noted under each of the three Divisions, a few more are mentioned as being in Milalai-kurram without specifying the Division to which they belonged. These are Munpālai (No. 230 of 1926), Karuvill (No. 125 of 1912), Okkūr (No. 247 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII), Veljūr (No. 393 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII), Vittūrparru and Ādūņi (No. 211 of the same Volume), Pārūr (No. 67 of Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1910), Tiravindaļūr (No. 547 of 1916), Perunāvalūr (No. 405 of S. I. I., Vol. V), Irumbāli (No. 265 of 1928-29), and Adumbār (No. 66 of 1927).

Below, text-line 76.

¹¹ S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372; A. S. S. I., pp. 48, 52; and Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1309. No. 461.

¹² Nos. 502 and 503 of the same colln. for 1925.

¹³ No. 372 of S. I. I., Vol. IV.

¹⁸ S. J. I., Vol. V, No. 301 and No. 425 of Mad. Ep. Colin. for 1911.

²⁴ Mad. Ep. Colin. No. 270 of 1929-30, No. 30 of 1908, No. 2 of 1931-32 and S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372 and Vol. V. No. 301.

²⁸ S. J. I., Vol. V, Nos. 301 and 987 and Pudukkôttal State collection, Nos. 126 and 378.

³⁸ Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30, No. 457.

st Mad. Ep. Colln. for 1926, No. 551.

Same collection for 1929-30, No. 240.

¹⁸ Nos. 324, 492 and 591 of Pudukköttai State collection.

M No. 411 of the same collection.

²⁵ No. 372 of the same collection.

²⁵ S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.

er Ibid., No. 987.

[#] S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 301.

⁼ No. 519 of 1925 and Pudukköttai State collection No. 124.

tioned place is now changed in name and is called Irumbanadu. It is in the Pudukköttai State and the inscriptions of the place show that it bore the name Parantakanallur. The places noted above under Mēl-kūrru, also called Vada-Pāmbāru-nādu, do not fall in the Arantangi Taluk. Three of them, viz., Māļavarmāņikkam, Sēndamangalam and Enāngaļūr are in the Pudukköttai State. The finding of so many of the villages of Milalai-kürram in South Arantangi Taluk and the adjacent part of Pudukköttai State convincingly proves that this was the region subject to the rule of the Vel chieftain Evvi in the first instance. That this Kurram is invariably stated in inscriptions from the time of Parantaka I, i.e., from the beginning of the tenth century! downwards as being situated in Pandimandalam shows that it was acquired by the Pandyas from Vel-Evvi and included in that territory. It is particularly worthy of note that even though the Cholas obtained possession of the Pandya territory later in the days of Parantaka I as is clearly indicated by the existence of the Chola inscriptions, traces of the inclusion of the Kürram originally in the Pandya country did not disappear but were on the other hand preserved and there is every reason to hold that the Vēl chieftain must have been subordinate to the Pandya king. Else the district would not have been termed as one in Pandimandalam. It would simply have been called Milalai-kürram just like Urattür-kürram. All that the Chöla conquest meant was that the Chola suzerainty was acknowledged by the Pandya king and his subjects. Some of the places of Milalai-kurram bave a history of their own which every student of Tamil literature must be aware of even though he may not know where the places themselves are. This history affords another strong proof that the region comprising the South-Arantangi Taluk was in early days included in the Pandya country. Manamelkudi is the place of nativity of Kulachchirai-Nāyaṇār, the prime-minister of the Pāṇḍya king Nelvēli-pōr-venganingasir-Nedumaran (i. e., Nedumaran who acquired lasting fame by the conquest in the battle of Nelveli), the king that was converted to the Saiva faith by the efforts of Saint Jnanasambandha, the contemporary of Siruttonda who was the general of the Pallava king that conquered Vātāpi which event we know as having taken place in the first half of the 7th century A.D. There is no room for thinking that the minister might have come from any other country than the Pandya. Speaking of him, Sckkilar, the author of the Tamil Periyapuranam and the minister of the Chöla king of his day, distinctly states that Manamelkudi was in the Pandya country and the minister hailed from there.2 Inscriptions testify to the correctness of his geographical description." Similarly, Avudaiyārköyil is connected with the history of Manikkavachaka, another Pandya minister.

Now about Muttürru-kürram, which like Milalai-kürram was subject to the rule of the Vēļ chief Evvi and was included in the Pāṇḍya country. The very fact that the two districts were subject to the sway of one ruler suggests at once that Muttürru-kürram must lie adjacent to Milalai-kürram, which, as shown above, occupied South-Arantangi Taluk and parts of Pudukkēţţai State and Rāmnād District. In determining the region in which this district lay and for knowing to which kingdom it belonged in early days, nothing will be so valuable as a collection of the epigraphs which refer to this district and identifying the places mentioned therein. The inscriptions which mention Muttūrgu-kūrram are not many, but even the few that we have, are sufficient for

¹ No. 230 of 1926 of the Madra's Epigraphical Collection, dated 37th year of Parantaka I mentions Munpalal in Mijalai-kūrram in Paudi-nādu.

^{*} Periyapurāvam (Kulachehirai-Nayanār, vv. 1 and 8). The following are the verses:—Pannu tol-pugal-pPāndi-nan-nāttidai-ohehen-nelār-vayal-tin-karumpin-ayal-punnu pāga-ppurambanai šūļndadu mannu vanmaiyain-ār Manamerkudi. Inna nall-olukkattināl Irilā-tTennavan Nodumārarku šīr-tīgal mannu mandirikatku mēl-āgiyār onnalar-cheherr-urudikkan niņruļār.

^{*}See foot-note 5, page 91 above.

locating it, since we know that it was contiguous to Milalai-kurram. The earliest inscription which mentions the district as being in the Pandya country is a record of the Chola king Parantaka L1 A few others call the province, in which Mutturru-kurram was situated, by the names Pāṇḍi-maṇḍalama and Rājarāja-Pāṇḍi-nāḍu." The villages mentioned in the inscriptions as being in Muttürru-kürram are Kattivaval, Anjukõttai, Kappalür alias Ulagalandašõlanallür, Adangārimangalam, Muttūr* alias Uyyakkondašolanallūr, Araiyattūr, Sundarapāndiyachaturvēdimangalam,10 Māvalūr,11 Kuruvadimidi22 alias Jinēndramangalam, Tittānam,12 Tenralai,14 Tiruppunaväyil,12 and Andanur-Sirukambur,16 The Taluk that adjoins the southern portion of Arantangi, in which we have traced most of the places of the various divisions of Milalai-kurram, is Tiruvadanai of the Ramnad District. On the north-eastern side of the Tiruvādāņai Taluk runs the river Pāmbāru which separates Rāmnād District from Arantangi Taluk of the Tanore District. Just as expected, we actually find almost on the western bank of this river, the villages Kattivayal, Añjukōttai, Kappalūr, Muttūr, Adangāri and Andanür-Sirukarubür.17 Tiruppunaväyil (Tiruppunaväsal) is in the extreme south of Arantangi Taluk itself and adjoins the sea.18 We have also the testimony of the Chola minister Sēkkijār to the fact that Tiruppunavāšal was included in the Pāndya country.10 If there was room for misconception in the case of Milalai-kürram on account of its inclusion in the Tanjore District, there is none in the case of Mutturru-kurram. Tiruvadanai Taluk of the Ramnad District could never have come under the early Chola dominion. It is in this Taluk and in the Tiruppattur Taluk that the river Pambaru flows, on whose banks we have traced most of the places included in Mutturru-kurram.

Mutturra-kurram is believed by some to have been taken by the Pandya king Nedunjeliyan from Irungovel. We shall now consider the question if this District could ever have been included in the territory of Irungovel, who, like Vel-Evvi and Pari flourished in early days and was one among the chieftains defeated by the said Pandya. Tamil literature and inscriptions both bear

- 1 No. 266 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907.
- Nos. 425 and 429 of the same collection for 1913.
- ² No. 46 of the same for 1930-31.
- * Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907, No. 266. 1 Ibid., No. 408.
- The same collection for 1913, Nos. 425 and 429, S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 373 and S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 313.
- * Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1918, No. 76.
- * S. I. I., Vol. IV. No. 426.
- * S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 212.
- 10 Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916, Nos. 17 and 33.
- n No. 60 of the Pudukköttai State Collection.
- 12 Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1907, No. 408.
- 12 Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926, No. 599.
- 14 Same collection for 1930-31, No. 46,
- 15 S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 213.
- 14 Ibid., No. 436, and Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30, No. 295.
- 22 Anjuköttai is to the north-east of Tiruvadāṇai, Kattivayal is east by north of Anjuköttai and about three miles to the west of the Pambaru river and Sirukambür is to the west of the Pambaru river and north of Kattivayal. Kappalür lies to the west of the Pambaru river and in the centre of the northern part of Tiruvādāņai Taluk.
 - 18 Jāānasambandha and Sundaramūrtti-Nāyaṇār describe it in these words :---
 - " Perun kadar-kanalväy=ppundarigam malar-ppoygai atlinda Punaväyile "
 - "Kadar-kānalvāy-ppurkenru tönridum:emperumān Puņavāyilē."
- 19 Verses 884 to 893 mention the places in the Pandya country visited by Jhanssembandha before returning to his place. Among these Punaväyil is one (v. 891).

evidence to the fact that the territory over which Irungovel-chiefs ruled was called Konadu: and that its capital was Kodumbāļūr. The question reduces itself to this 'Could Muttūrru-kūrram have been included in or was even adjacent to Kōṇāḍu ? '. Kōṇāḍu is situated in the modern Pudukköttai State. A geographical analysis of the inscriptions of that State will show that Könädu and its several divisions and sub-divisions occupied the whole of the Kulattur Taluk and the northern portion of the Tirumeyyam Taluk. The southern part of the Tirumeyyam Taluk which is the southernmost part of the Pudukköttai State, had in it another ancient district called Kāṇa-nāḍu and this Kāṇa-nāḍua is stated to be a division of Pāṇḍimaṇḍalam. It was contiguous to Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu. So then, between Kōṇādu which is reputed to be the territory of Irungōvēļ chiefs and Muttürrn-kürram, there lay the two ancient districts of Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu and Kāṇa-nāḍu, both belonging to Pāṇḍimaṇḍalam. This analysis will convincingly establish that the distant Mutturru-kurram which we have located in the north-eastern part of the Tiruvadanai Taluk of the Ramnad District could never have been included in or was contiguous to Konadu, the territory over which Irungove held sway, intercepted as it was by two other districts of the Pandya country.

Geographical analysis of the inscriptions of the Pudukkoffai State.

Konapu-

(a) Annalväyil-küxram :- Irumbāļi, Madinūr, Telingakulakālapuram (in Ten-Könādu) alias Kulöttungasõlapattinam and Visalür,—all in Kulattür Taluk.

(b) Kūdalūr-nādu:—Paṇaiyūrkuļam, Šēvalūr, Sigraiyūr,—all in Tirumeyyam Taluk.

(c) Kungiyür or Kunrisül-nädu:-Kalaniväsal, Mel-Maņalūr, Parambaiyūr, Punnangudi, Sikhānallūr, Tirunalakkungam,-all in the Kulattūr Taluk.

(d) Ollaiyur-kurram :- Ānkudi alias Āmanallur, Idaiyarrur, Karaiyur, Kila-Taniyal, Korrayûr, alias Uttamašõļapuram, Nerinjikkudi, Ollaiyūr alias Madurai, Ollaiyűrmangalam (Oliyamangalam), Rājēndrasōlapuram, Sattanūr, Sundarasōlapuram alias Dēšiyugandapattiņam (Sundaram), and Viņtūkki alias Rājēndrašōļapuram, all in Tirumeyyam Taluk.

(e) Ugattür-kürgam (Vada-Könädu):—Alattür, Kodumbälür, Külai-kulattür, Menelveli, Nīrpaļani, Payyūr, Pudukkudi, Šārapattaņam alias Vikramašolapperunderu and

Tiruviraivānkudi (Tiruvilāngudi),—all in the Kuļattūr Taluk.

(f) Vada Siruvāyil-nādu in (e) :- Hanjāvūr, Kīranūr, Kumāramangalam,-all in the Kulattür Taluk.

(g) Vayalaga-nadu:-Pulvayal and Vayalagam. Both are in Kulattūr Taluk.

Kananapu-

(a) Kāṇa-nāḍu :—Ādanūr, Andanūr, Kōṭṭaiyūr, Malayakōyil, Mēlūr, Muniyandai, Pēraiyūr, Perundurai, Perunkaraikkudi, alias Tiruvarangulanallur, Pulivalam, Solapandiyapuram, Ten-Kāttūr, Tirumeyyam, Tulaiyānilai, Viraiyāchchilai. These villages are in Tirumeyyam Taluk.

*Kodumbai (Kodumbājūr) lay on the way to the Pāṇḍya country from the Chōja territory (Silap-

padikāram, Kādukānkādai, l. 71).

One of the earliest sovereigns of Könädu celebrated in Tamil literature is the renowned Saiva devotee Idangali-Nayanar, of whom it is said that he was the head of the Velir family, ruled from Kodumbāļūr and was a lineal descendant of Aditya (v. 2 of Idangali-Nayanar Puranam). The Mavarköyil inscription of Kodumbalar, besides testifying to the antiquity of this Ver family, records the part played by some of the members in the history of South India (Annual Report on Epigrophy, Madras, for 1908, p. 87).

Tirumeyyam in Kāṇa-nādu has one of the eighteen famous Valahņava temples of the Pāṇdya country. This also shows that Kana-nadu was in the Pandya territory.

- (b) Sengunra-nādu :- Ālangudi, Āngudi, and Mēlanilai.
- (c) Turumā-nāḍu:—Ānamandai, Kaṇṇanūr, Tirunāvalūr and Turumā,—all in Tirumeyyam Taluk.

Kēraļasinga-vaļanādu! and Madurodaya-valanādu! mentioned in the plates are two other districts of the Pandya country. The former covered a very large portion of the Tiruppattur Taluk of the Ramnad District, a part of the Pudukköttai State and seems to have extended also into the Sivaganga Zamindari. It had several sub-divisions of which six are known, viz., (1) Kalváyil-nādu, (2) Šōlapāndya-valanādu, (3) Kīl-Kundāru, (4) Tēnārruppōkku, (5) Tiruttivūr-Muttam, and (6) Adaļaiyūr-nādu. Of the villages of (1) Kalvāyil-nādu, viz., Nelvāyils, Pollamangalams, Kulasēkharapuram, and Sundarapandiyapuram, are in the Pudukkõttai State while Ilaivättakudi alias(or near) Kulašekharapuram, Iraniyür, Korramangalama and Kunrattūr11 are in the Tiruppattūr Taluk. The villages in (2) are Kāraiyūr,12 Tirukkōttiyūr,13 Sőlamárttánda-chaturvédimangalam,14 i.e., Sivapuri, Kannamangalam,18 Karungulattűr,19 Mélűr,12 Pūdikkudi,18 Širudaiūris and Širudai.20 The village Alagāpuri,21 was situated in (3). In the sub-division of Tenarruppökku was the village Niyamam²² (Nemam). Tiruttiyür-Muttam had two divisions; in the eastern division (KIJai-Tiruttiyur-Muttam) were the villages Siguvayal, # Annivur.34 Dēśangulam,34 Kodungulam,34 Vēppangulam,34 and Verriyur,34 while Mēlai-Tiruttiyur-Muttam had Paganëriss in it. The village of Tirukkungakkudisa (Kunnakkudi) was in Adalaiyurnādu in which passed the river Tēnāruz. The villages of Ilai-Kadambangujams (modern Sannavaram), Pilar 29 and Korramangalam 20 were in Tiruttiyur-Muttam : but it is not known whether they belonged to the eastern or western division.

- ¹ No. 617 of 1905 states that this is a district of Pandimagdalam.
- * No. 319 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1927-28.
- * Though the term valanada is usually employed to denote a district, it indicates a sub-division here. Owing to the large size of Këralasinga-valanadu, it seems to have been split up into two parts in later days.
 - Nos. 252 and 258 of the Pudukköttai State Collection.
- * No. 267 of the same collection.

- * No. 491 of the same collection.
- 7 No. 346 of the same.
- * No. 38 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926 and No. 182 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII.
- No. 4 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926,
- 18 No. 80 of 1916 of the same collection.
- u No. 85 of 1916.
- 12 No. 133 of the same for 1907.
- 13 No. 284 of the same for 1923, Nos. 291-2 for 1929-30 and S. I. I., Vol. IV, p. 529.
- 14 Nos. 16 and 20 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1928-29.
- 18 No. 36 of the same collection for 1916.
- ¹⁸ No. 64 of the same for 1928-29.
- 17 No. 201 of the same for 1924.
- 18 No. 200 of the same for 1924.
- 19 No. 304 of the same for 1929-30.
- 28 No. 224 of the same for 1924.
- 51 No. 101 of the same for 1924.
- 24 Nos. 1, 77 and 83 of the same for 1924.
- 23 No. 55 of the same for 1924.
- 21 S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 180.
- 23 No. 58 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1924.
- 28 No. 25 of the same for 1909.
- 17 No. 263 of Pudukkôttai State Collection.
- 28 No. 14 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916,
- 23 No. 12 of the same.
- 38 No. 50 of the same collection for 1924.

The sub-divisions of Madurodaya-valanadu and the villages situated in them are noted below :-

- (1) Kāñai-Irukkai which had in it Uļakkudi, Iruñchirai, Kottakirti, Vēļāņēri, Karpa-kirti and Irāśinganallūr.
- (2) Mādakkuļakkiļ which had in it Kodimangalam, Madurai, Širuvenkunram*.
- (3) Vēlūrkuļakkīļ, with Kundadēvi-chaturvēdimangalam.
- (4) Rājašingankuļakkīļ which had in it Rājendiram,* Tiruppūvaņam,* Ambalattādi-chaturvēdimangalam.¹⁹
- (5) Karunilakkudi-nādu which had in it Tiruttangāl u
- (6) Idaikkudi-nādu which had in it Mēlai-Seļuvaņūr12 alias Satrubhayankaranallūr.
- (7) Venbuļa or Venbil-nādu which had in it Kumārāpavitra-chaturvēdimangalam¹³ and Šenkāṭṭirukkai-Idattuvaļi.¹⁴
- (8) Purapparalai-nādu which had in it Puttūr,18 Kallikudi,18 Milaganūr18 and Nīrmadaiyūr,17
- (9) Kallaga-nāḍu which must have had at least two sub-divisions as the name Ten-Kallaga-nāḍu is applied to one of them which contained the villages Dēśipaṭṭaṇam alias Vikra-maśōlapuram³³ (Vikramaṅgalam), Śēndaŋēri-Kaṭṭikallūr (Tenkarai)³³ and Parā-kramapānḍiyapuram.²⁰

It will be noted that four of the sub-divisions given in the Tiruppūvaņam plates without mentioning the district to which they belonged were actually in Madurödaya-valanādu. These are Māḍakkuļakkīļ, Rājaśingankuļakkiļ, Purapparaļai-nādu and Kāñai-Irukkai.

A word of explanation is necessary for treating as sub-divisions geographical terms ending in 'kuļakkil', of which we have as many as four instances. In mentioning villages, inscriptions usually give first the district, then the sub-division and lastly the village. Districts generally have the suffix vaļanādu and the sub-divisions end in nādu. Sometimes in place of vaļanādu, the term kūrram is employed; and if it had not any sub-divisions with distinct and different names, it is itself divided into two or more divisions according to the directions in which they lay, such as east, middle and west, north and south, etc. This is also the case even with regard to some

¹ S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 372.

Below, text-lines 108, 245, 246 and 250.

³ S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 446.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 370.

Below, text-line 16.

^{*} No. 66 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1916.

⁷ No. 447 of the same collection for 1906.

Below, text-line, 92.

Below, text-line, 133.

¹⁰ S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 423.

¹³ No. 574 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1922.

¹² No. 317 of the same for 1927-28. Tangal occurs as a village in the Pandya country in the Silappodigarum Canto XXIII, I. 75.

¹³ No. 331 of the same collection for 1918.

¹⁴ Nos. 403 and 414 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1914.

¹⁸ S. J. I., Vol. V. No. 302 and Vol. IV, No. 372.

¹⁶ Below, text-lines 106 and 111.

¹⁷ S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 302 and 431.

¹⁵ Nos. 613, 614 and 616 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1926.

¹⁸ S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 294 and 298.

¹⁰ Ibid., No. 295.

sub-divisions which are large enough to be so apportioned. For instance the district of Milalaikurram had no separate sub-divisions; in the place of the latter, we have Kil-kurra. Naduvirkurru and Mel-kurru, i.e., the eastern, middle and western portions. Similarly, the sub-division Sembi-nadu had Vadatalai-Sembi-nadu, Kil-Sembi-nadu, etc., i.e., the northern and eastern portions of Sembinadu. Districts are sometimes omitted in inscriptions and villages are mentioned with the sub-divisions to which they belonged. From the fact that the geographical items Mādakkuļakkil, Rājēndrašingankulakkil, etc., immediately follow a valanādu or district and are followed in turn by villages, they have to be treated as sub-divisions. It will not be right to take the terms ending in "kulakkil" to mean "to the east of any particular tank". In these items the particle Eil does not mean 'east' as opposed to 'mel' 'west' but stands for "under or in ". Hence we have inserted the four items ending in kulakkil as sub-divisions and assigned them their places under the districts to which they belonged. In this connection, it is worthy of note that we have not come across even a single instance where a village is stated to be situated to the west, north or south of Madakkulam, Rajendrasingankulam, etc.

Of the other sub-divisions mentioned in the plates, Vadatalai-Sembi-nadu in which Avkkudi alias Alagiyapandiyanallur was situated, is seen from other inscriptions to have had the villages Iyamanīšvaram, Mēlai-Kodumaļūr or Kodumaļūr alias Uttamapāndiyanallūr, Kīlai-Kodumalüra alias Madurodayanallür, Māvilangai, Nallürkuruchchi, Perungirinallüra and Devvachchilainallur otherwise called Pappankujam. Except Iyamanisvaram (Emanisvaram) which is in the Paramakudi Taluk, the rest are found in the Mudukulattur Taluk of the Ramnad District. The name of the division shows that Sembi-nadu had other divisions. In fact, inscriptions refer to Kij-Sembi-nadu in which were the villages Apaikudi, "Kalari alias Kaidavanallur". Kadambangudi, Nallankudi, Maruvay dias Srivallabhanallur, Pavituramanikkapattinam. Nallirukkai alias Virapandiyanallur, Tiruppullani and Sembiyun Perambur; Sridesam which had in it Tiru-Uttarakosamangai, as other divisions of Sembi-nadu. Most of these villages are in the Ramnad Taluk.

Kalavali nādu was divided into two parts North and South. In Vada-Kalavali-nādu were Alagaimānagar, Kodaipirāttinallūr, 10 Kunrattūr11 and Purkuli. 12 Ten-Kalavali-nādu had in it Mudikondapandiyapuramıs and Pullürris alias Śrīvallabhanallūr. That Kadambangudi was a village in Kalavali-nādu and bore the name Malayarayankottar is learnt from two inscriptions.14 Arajaiyur was another village in the same division.16

¹ S. I. I., Vol. VIII, No. 395.

Madras Epigraphical Collection, Nos. 399 of 1907 and 531 of 1926.

a S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 440 and 441; and Nos. 459 of Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1909 and 304 of 1922.

^{*} No. 392 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1914.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. V. No. 301.

^{*} Ibid., Vol. VIII, No. 399.

^{*} Holds, No. 3981

[#] Ibid., No. 402.

Madras Epigraphical Collection, No. 283 of 1923, No. 5 of 1924 and No. 278 of 1920;30.

¹⁸ No. 318 of the same collection for 1923.

¹¹ Nos. 11, 23, 27 of the same for 1924.

¹² No. 291 of the same for 1923 and No. 18 of 1924.

¹³ No. 47 of the same for 1926.

¹⁴ No. 229 of the same for 1924

¹⁵ Nos. 1 and 3 of the same for 1924.

¹⁸ No. 306 of the same collection for 1922,

APPENDIX A. Names of persons that conducted the settlement of boundaries.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
	I. Kankanie (II. 74-93).	- 1010	Symptotic states	recognist of
1	Araiyan Nārāyanan of Kattikuru- chchi.	Parintakanallür .	Naduvir-kūrru .	Milalai-kürram.
2	Parantakan Tiruppuvanamudalyan	Tandalai	Kil-kūrio , .	Ditto.
3	Karupākaradēvaņ Purpavaņamu- daiyāņ.	Măranür alias Palamanda- iădittenallür.	Alagiyapāņdiyakku- ļakktļ.	
	To the Beautholik	Karuppûr	Tirumunaippādi-nādu	\$5lamandalam.
4	Pillai Alvān alias Ponnambalak- kūttan who was the kuskūni of Tirurūykkijei Ponnan Sūriya- dēvan alius Jayadhara-Pallava- raiyar.	Puttär	Purspparalai-nādu .	and the
5	Vejan Šāttan, the kunkūni of Poyya- molidēvar.	Kil-Nettür ² alias Kirtivleslal- yanallar.	Karungudi-nādu .	Chim of
6	Nārāyaṇan Sāttan who was the kunkūni of Sūmudāyam Sīrāmaṇ Tīruvudaiyāṇ alias Pottappich- chōļar.	Veliyarrür ^a Kappalür ³ alias Ulagalandasö- lanallür.	The second of	Kërajakinga- vajanadu Muttūrru-kūrram-
7	Arayan Tirumalai udalyan who was the kaakani of Maligaittanam Sivalayan Alagiyamanavalan ulius Kalingarayar.	Arunkalam Aykkudi ⁴ dilas Alagiyapan diyanaliür.	Poliyūr-nādu Vadatalai-Sembi- nādu.	,
8	Arayan Karumānikkam who was the kunkuni of Majavarāyar.	Kit-Pasalai alias Dänaviņõdanallūr.	Tiyandaikudi-nādu .	
9	Uyyavandān Ponnan alias Mānā- bharaṇa-Milvēndavēļār who was the adigāram of Pillaiyār Alagap- perumāl.	Kappalür alias Ülagulan- dasõlanallür.	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	Muttürru-kürram.
10	Nambi Ponnambalakküttan alias Virasingadevar.	Širupālaiyār alias Kāvērīvali lavanallār.		Sõlapändiya-vala- nädu.
n	Malaikiniyaninran Alagan olios Vijaiya-Vichchädiradevar who was one of the onukkar of	3	in the same of the	Codella 18
	Solopāndiyavalanāttu-kāriyam- icygira Alagiyapāndiyapār.	Rājēndiram	Iršéińgaņkuļakkij .	

¹ Nettur is in the Sivaganga Taluk.

This is in the Tiruppattur Taluk.

^{*} This is a (Z) village in Tiruvādānai Taluk.

⁴ Paramakudi Taluk,

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
H	II (IL 93-96).	THE I		
12	Madavan Divakara-Bhattan	Māpavīramadurai	Tiyandaikudi-nādu	
13	Nārāyaņan Nārāyaņa-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	244
14	Šī-(Šrī) Mādavan Nārasimha-Bhat-	Ditto	Ditto	****
15	Gövindan Tirunflakantha-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	The state of
16	Jätavödan Subrahmanya-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	****

Note.—Inclusive of the five persons of Manaviramadural named above (in Section II), the following others that are mentioned in the next six sections (III to VIII) who were concerned in the formation of the new brikens.

	III (II. 96-98).	at a minute		THE WHALL A
17	Adityan Sendapiran-Bhattan of Tirukkudandai.	Marudür alias Madu- rödaya-chatur- vēdimangalam.	***	
18	Sri-Krishnan Alagiyaraghava- Bhattan.	Ditto .	-	
19	Kaliyayan Vennaikkatta-Bhattan	Ditto .	****	***
	IV (IL 98-100).			
20	Ähitägni Śrīranganātha-Bhatta- Soma-Kāthakayājiyār.	Mer-Pasalali alias Srivallabha- chaturvēdi- mangalam.		200
21	Nārāyaņan Nārāyaņa-Bhattan	Ditto		THE REAL PROPERTY.
22	Sri-Väsudevan Nagnapiran-Bhattan	Ditto		
23	Sri-Rāman Paramātma-Bhattan	Ditto		****
	V (II. 100-103).	-		
24	Arayan Uyyaninraduvan alias Sembiyadaraiyan.	Kit-Pasalait alias Dapavinodanaliur,	The second	1000
25	Kêsavan Narayanan	Ditto		
16	Karumāņikkam-Korraņ	Ditto	The state of	100
7	Kalvāyii Kēdavan	Ditto	****	9444
19	Periyan Perran	Ditto	- Total	****
9	Nangan Alagan	Ditto	****	****
0	Vásuděvan Süriyadévan	Ditto	****	****

⁴ Mélappaéalai and Kilappasalai are (I) villages in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village,	Sub-division.	District or Province.
	VI (IL 103-106),	- maranasaa J	III FAR THE TOUR	Control Th
31	Appan Süriyadévan	Poliyür alias Pärthivakësari- naliür.	Manual Casses	National Control
32	Udayan Varagunadêvan aline Alagiyapândiya-Vijupparaiyan.	Ditto	5444	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
33	Süriyan Varantaruvān alias Sangirāmašinga-Pallavaraiyan,	Ditto	**************************************	
34	Sundarattöludalyán Sömadévan	Ditto		The state of the s
	VII (IL 106-108).	TIME	A MANUAL SANSAN	
35	Dayāmlai Uyyavandāņ alias Chēdirāyaņ.	Kaljikkudi ² allas Puravuvarinallūr.	Purapparalai-nādu	Strange of
36	Anukkan Ariyan	Ditto	Ditto	CHARLES OF
37	Appan Arumolidëvan alias Šembiyan- Vilupparatyan.	Ditto	Ditto	Mary March 11
38	Puttür-kilavan Battan alias Purap- paralamādu-kilavan.	Ditto	Ditto	SOUTH IN
-51			7165th=1,3070	
	VIII (II. 108-110).	the United	manustra em	HATTER STATE
39	Paliyanilai Süriyadêvan alias Taminadukilavan.	Iruñchirai ² aliae Indirasamāna- naliūr.	Kānai-Irukkai	****
40	Vējān Irattai <i>ulius</i> Rājakunjara- Pallavaraiyan,	Ditto	Ditto	
	IX (U. 110-120).	make the second	of the same	
41	Sadiran Selvan	Milaganūr ^a	Secretary, Park	Manhall, da
42	Răman Ajagan	Ditto	ALC: NO	tuning to
43	Soran Mükkan	Ditto	VIVE Linux	Martina E
44	Nāgadēvan Rāman alias Rājanārā- yaņa-Mūvāndavējān.	Ditto	\$500 to 100	
45	Amiariyin	Ditto	****	HE HALL SH

This is a (Z) village in the Sivaganga Taluk.

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^{*}Tradition has it that an early Pandya king bound with chains and imprisoned the clouds at this place which is on that account also known as Kattunallur-Irunchiral. See V. 38 of Tiruvalaväyudaiyär Tiruvilatyäddal 44, p. 162. "Tudippota vilanga pättiettunind-iruschirai vaittas-avv-idappeyar-kKattunallur-Iruschiraiy-enbar-ingum". The place is near Manamadursi. A later inscription (No. 399 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII) mentions frunchirai-valanādu and locates Manamyūrkūttai in it.

This is an (I) village in Sivaganga.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Village.	Sub-division.	District or Province.
46	Araiyan Pullani who had the kunippurrs of Pullani Madevan alias Nujamba- darayar.	Achchańkätti- rukkai Tirumäli- ruńjólai Mālańgudi. ¹	Kn-Sembi-nādu.	

Note.—The persons mentioned in this group were concerned in the formation of the new village of Milaganür surnamed Rajendrauallür by clubbing together the villages and lands given in exchange for the old village of Milaganür that was taken up and included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam.

	X (II. 120-123).			
47	Sättan Kanavadi	Sigukulattür ² alias Paräkrama- pändiyanallür.	Alagiya-pandiya- kulakkil.	W
48	Sundarattöludaiyān Dēvan	Ditto	Ditto	****
49	Sattan Kandan alias Tirumalirub- jolai Dasan.	Ditto	Ditto	
50	Vélán Sundarattöludaiyán	Ditto	Ditto	****
51	Štvallavan Pērāyiramodaiyān alias Māranūrnāttu-Vēļān.	Ditto	Ditto	
52	Dēvan Šīvallavan Arattamikkidāsan	Ditto	Ditto	****
53	XI (il. 123-124). Udaiyadivākarap Šrī-Kārimāra- Bhattan of Iļavimangalam.	Šūrakudi* elies Vīrakāmu- gamangalam.		
54	Nărăyanan Subrahmanya-Bhattan	Ditto		
	XII (II. 125-127).	anet -	THE REAL PROPERTY.	- 53
55	Uyyaningādi Periyājvān	Vidattal ⁴ alias Mānā- bharaņa-chatur- vēdimangalam.	Kîraŋûr-nāḍu	
56	Śendapiran Karumamugil-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	
57	Gövindan Mänëndukaiyan	Ditto	Ditto	
58	Ādītyan Bhāskara-Bhattan	Ditto	Ditto	
	XIII (H. 127-128).	1		The Section 1
59	Vējān Kōvan	Vellürkuruehehi [‡]	Alagiyapāndiya- kulakkil.	S 10001
60	Adi Perran	Ditto	Ditto	3166

³ Most of the places in Kil-Sembi-nādu are, lika Mālangudi, situated in the Ramnad Taluk of the Ramnad District.

There is a village called Sirukulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

This place is in Sivaganga.

There is a Vidattakulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

This is perhaps Vellikuruchehi in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Serial No.	Names of persons.	Villago,	Sub-division.	District or Province.
61	Vējān Alagan alias Sundarapāņdiya- Muvēndavējān.	Vellürkoruchchi	Alagiyapāndiya-kula- kkil.	(####C
62	Vējāg Štrijankō	Ditto	Ditto	
	XIV (IL 129-131).			
63	Āļvān Upādhyāyar	Marudür	Tiruvāvaņam	****
64	Karumānikkam Ulagamundān Bhattan	Perumpuliyar		••••
65	Mayaravahanan Āḍuvāŋ-Bhaṭṭaṇ	Marudur	and a star or or	Control (California)
	XV (II. 131-132).	District Co.		
66	Rāman Uyyavandān	Véjür alias Alagi- yapäņģiyanallūr.	Kiranür-nādu	****
67	Perran Pattan	Ditto	Ditto	2000
68	Dévan Nambi	Ditto	Ditto	****
69	Soran Nättän	Ditto	Ditto	

Note.—The persons mentioned in sections X to XV were all concerned in clubbing the villages in the brahmadéput of Rajagambhra-chaturvédimangalam.

	XVI (IL 133-138).			elita No.
0	Agaittanam Pamman Adiyārkunal- laperumān alias Pallavadaraiyan.	Tirupp@vanam	Irāšingaņkuļakkli	
1	Meyppu Malaiyan Soran glius Vinjattaraiyan-	and appear		
2	Dēvan Tillai alias Madurodaya- Pallavaraiyan.			
3	Sikayilāya-Bhattan alias Šīvallava- Pallavaraiyan-	and increased	and the later in t	
4	Kapavadi Štrāman olios Sundara- pāņdiya-Pallavaraiyan.	20.00	ne sat	
8	Eran Periyan alias Pandiyan Palla- varaiyan.			-
6	Pörru Aravamudaiyān Villi alias Mudittalaikonda-Pallavaraiyan.			-11 (1944)

Note.—The seven persons of group XVI conducted the female elephant.

APPENDIX B.

List of villages and lands included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam in Rājagambhīravalanādu.

(Lines 19 tc 69.)

Kiranūr-nādu.

Nakkamangalam.-The village of Kîranur in the Sivaganga Taluk was perhaps the chief place in the divi-

Vāgaikudi.—This was a dēvadāna of Tiruppūvaņamudaivār.

Tiruvāvanam.

Tuttiyür.—There is a village called Tuttikulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Kirungākköttai.—This village is in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Kāduvetti, Muttam, Korranēri, Tadaiyili-Tiyāgi-ēmbal, Vellattaivenrān-ēmbal, Naduvirkottai and Kādan-Etti-kuruchchi are lands in Kirungākköttai.

Paņangalūr-nādu.

Adikarai.—A village in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Mittiravāli.

Vēlangulam.—A village in the Šivaganga Taluk.

Omalagiyan-embal.—A land in Velangulam.

Śōlaiyēri.—Now called Śōlaiśēri in Śivaganga Taluk.

Kudañjādi.-This village is in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Aruvarai-Pudukkulam.

Kît-Chūrai.

Mer-Churai, calling and guildings all homesomes Ha were VZ of Z envilons all behaltment account of P- and

Panangalūr alias Panditapanjaranallūr.

Śeyyakuļattūr.—Its present name is Śeykuļattūr (in Śivaganga).

Singanēriyudaiyān-kāṇipparru.—A land in Seyyakuļattūr.

Karkurichchi.-This village in Sivaganga is now spelt Kalkuruchchi.

Ariyankuruchchi.—This is also in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Āraikkuļam.

Arugaśādi. Vīragangappērayan-ēmbal, Vīrapāndiyappērayan-ēmbal, Moliyan-ēmbal, Ambalakkūttan-ēmbal, Sittanembal and Pannirayira-pperayan-embal, are lands in Araikkulam,

Uvaniyamangalam.

Pudaichchānkuļi.—This is a land in Uvaniyamangalam.

Tīyandaikkudi-nādu.

Ugaray.

Kõttai.

Sivigaiyankuli, and Udumbandai are lands in the above village. Ild I media to the state of the s

Ulagarani.—Still bears the same name. It is in the Sivaganga Taluk,

Karaiyūr.

Kunneli.

Mattadakkiyêri.

Sangappērayan-ēmbal.

Puttembal.-This may be Puttendal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Kalaiyanēri.—This may be Kaliyanēndal in Śivaganga Taluk.

Senkuli.

Orukkorranēri.

Kalvāvilmangalam.

Pullanêri.

Sendaneri.

Nakkanēri.

Pärkujam.-This is a (Z) village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Uyyan-Süriyan-embal.

Marudankudi.-This is in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Navarkudi.

Kandiyürnädälvän-émbal.

Siru-Nakkanéri.

Sülämani.-Now called Südämani in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Purrukkulam.-Now called Puttukkulam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Siruvayal.

Konraikkujam.-Now called Konnakujam in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Pullamangalam.

Karkulam.-Now called Kalkulam (in Sivaganga).

Karumākuļam.—There is one Karunguļam in Sivaganga Taluk.

Evili.

Padaichebankulam.

Pulivankulam.-Still so called. In Sivaganga Taluk.

Pūdikuļam.

Vělärkuruchchi.

Väyttalainallür.

Kāduvetti.-This is the name of a land in Vāyttalainallūr.

Mănaviramadurai.—This ie Mănămadural.

Marudar

Sangan-embal.

Sankaramangalam.-Now called Sangamangalam in Sivaganga.

Tiyanûr-Sôlaiyêri.-There is a Tiyanûr in Siyaganga Taluk.

Kijānkāttūr alias Puravari-chaturvēdimangalam.—In Sivaganga Taluk.

Mēr-Pašalai olios Šrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam.—In Sivaganga Taluk.

Pirandiyeri.—There is a Pirandaikulam in Sivaganga Taluk.

Kadukkudi.-There is a Kakudi in Sivaganga Taluk.

Settaleri.—A devadena of Tiruppasalainādar of Mēr-Pasali olias Srīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam,

Tirappu-Sondan-ëmbal.-This may be Sundan-ëmbal in Paramakudi Taluk.

Tattan-ëmbal.-Now called Tattanendal in Paramakudi Taluk.

Vēmbod-ēmbal.

Pāppān-ēmbal.—There are villages called Pappanēndal in Paramakudi Taluk as well as in Sivaganga Taluk.
Edirilišējappērayan-ēmbal.

Vělankál.—A déculina of Šri-Valkunda-Vinnagar-Ajvár of Měr-Pašalai alias Šrivallabha-chaturvédiman-

Kauichchi-embal.

Tiroppu Panaiyanëri.-There is a Panaiyanëndal in Sivaganga.

Kil-Velivarrur.

Měl-Veliyarrůr.

Mandaiyürkulam.

Nelvēli.-This may be Nemmēli in Paramakudi Taluk.

Tannilattaraiyan-émbal.

Somättür.-This is in Paramakudi Taluk.

Aravankudi.

Karungulam.-This is in Paramakudi Taluk.

Enättür.

Tadappirai.

Känchirankulam.-This is in Sivaganga Taluk.

Mērkudi-nādu.

Mēgkudi alias Kalijayamangalam.

Men-Merkudi.—Kila-Melkudi and Mela-Melkudi are villages in the Sivaganga Taluk.

Manjalür.

Korranēri.—There is a village named Kottańkuļam in Śivaganga and Paramakuḍi Taluks.

Muttūranārottai.—A dēvadāna of Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār.

Annalvay.-Now called Annavasal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Sundan-ēmbal.—Now called Sundanēndal in Sivaganga Taluk.

Narimanram alias Varagandanallūr.—There is a village named Nariyendal in Sivaganga Tahık.

Silaiyanëri.-Silaiyan is a village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Uriyappi, Tali-ēmbal, Korraņēri, Sūriyan-ēmbal and Somaņēri are lands and tanks in Varagandanallūr.

Purapparalai-nadu.

Pullanēri.

Kannanür, Lands in-Kannanür is a village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Madalaikuruchchi.

Kīt-Seli: Purkarai in it.

Achchańkättirukkai-Milaganūr alias Rājēndraśinganallūr.—Milaganūr is a village in Sivaganga Taluk.

Minnēri, Kannikudi, Araiyanēri, and Naduvir-Selikulattu-ulvāy.—These are near Milaganūr.

Mēr-Seli.

Kuruchchātti.

Sirukkiļātti.

Puvaninallūr.

Ārikudi.

Somaneri.

Tāyan-Pūdi-ēmbal.

Sirukijānkāttūr, a dēvadāna of Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār.—There is a village called Kijāngāttūr in Sivaganga Taluk.

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Sirumilagi.

Nerkunram (tirappu).

Kattikkulam.-There is an (I) and (Z) village of this name in Sivaganga.

Perran-ēmbal.—There is a village called Pettānēndal in Paramakudi Taluk.

In the lists given above, some official designations are prefixed to a few names of persons. These are: Tiruvāykkēļvi, Sāmudāyam, Māligaittanam, Adigāram, Valanātpu-kāriyamseygira, Anaittanum and Meyppu. Their connotation may easily be determined from the terms themselves. The compound word Tiruväykkelvi consists of tiru 'sacred', väy 'mouth' and kelvi 'hearing' and means 'what is heard from the sacred mouth (of the king)', i.e., 'any royal oral order '. As an official designation applied to persons it means 'one who hears the royal oral order'. In ancient times, among the king's retinue there were some who bore this designation. And it seems that the duty of this class of officials was to put in writing the oral orders of the king and communicate the same to the Department of the State concerned for being given effect to. In the case of almost all royal orders this becomes the first original document; and on this are based the subsequent orders issued in pursuance of it. Very often we meet with the statement 'nam kēlvi tara-chchonnom' meaning 'we directed the issue of our kēlvi (oral order put in writing)'. The word 'kēlvi' is seen sometimes substituted by 'ōlai' (written palm leaf). The receiving officers out of regard for the king termed it tirumandiravolai where tiru (Skt. 5ri) denotes 'His Majesty's', mandira 'council' and olai 'document or order'. Thus, its equivalent is the order of His Majesty in Council'. It is exactly the same as tiruvāykkēļvi. The word samudāya means 'gathering, crowd or a body of people'. From it comes Sāmudāya 'one of the members of the samudāya'. This body may consist of one class of people or be of different classes. In temples also there existed such a body. Probably it was composed of different kinds of servants employed in it. The term Māligaittaṇam may have been used to denote the official in charge of the management of the king's household. It may be rendered into 'Palace-Manager'. Adigaram may be taken to mean 'one who exercises power, a maintainer of law'. 'Prakriyā tv=adhikārah' and the explanation 'vyavasthā-sthāpanīyasya' well bring out the sense. Valanāttu-kāryam-śeygira means 'the administrative head of a district'. The sense of the term Anaittanam is well brought out in lines 207-210 of the larger Leiden plates. It denotes the person who, when the boundaries of a village or villages are being circumambulated by the assemblies of the nodu (district or subdivision) in company with the kaskass (Superintendents), had to go with them mounted on the elephant (ôna) and to point out the boundaries. Meyppu is somewhat difficult to explain definitely. It is not known whether the first letter me is long or short. If long it may indicate that the person who bore this designation was in charge of the feeding of the elephant; and if short, it may denote a police officer. In the name Porru Aravamudaiyan Villi (No. 76 of Appendix A), the word Porru may denote some duty or office which is not possible to be definitely defined now.

TEXT.

First Plate : First Side.

- 1 Svasti śrī 3º Ambhaḥ¹ pūrvvam²-abhūd-idan-tad-udarð⁴ śētē sma Śēshē Haris-tan-nābhērajanishta patmam²-abhavat
- 2 tasmāt* svayam Viśvasrit [l*] tasmād=Atrir=amushya-löchana-puţād=Indur=Budhas=tatsutas=tasmād=āsa Purūravā-
- 3 s=tata imē* Pāņdyēśvarā jajñirē 6. Svasti srī- Sundarēśād-avagata-samaya[s*]-ev=ābhi-dhān-āśravasya grāma-
- 4 sy-aghāţa-kļiptim*prati sapadi* nijē vatsarē pancha-virnsē [1*] Chandānisāv=ātta*. Chāpē Kanaka-pati-tithau
- 5 krishna-paksh-Ārkivāra-Svātī-yōgē karēņum gamayitum-avadad-Rājagambhīradēvah Pūvin-kilatti mē-
- 6 vi virriruppa Mēdiņi-mādu nīdiyir-puņara vaya-pPör-madandai jaya-ppuyatt=iruppa mā-kKalai-madandai
- 7 väkkinil vilanga-ttišaiy-iru-nängum¹¹-išai-niläv=erippa Marai-neri valara Manu-neri tigala ara-ne-
- 8 ri-chchamaiyanga|-arun-talaippa-kkana-vēngaiyai villudan turandu mīnan-Kanakachalattu
- 9 virriruppa en-giri šūlnda eļu-kadal-eļu¹⁸-poļil veņ-kudai-nilar¹⁹-cheńkō-nadappa-18 kkoduń-
- ¹ This sign is used here for punctuation mark. See also line 316. The Archivological Survey of South India, Volume IV, which will hereafter be indicated by A. S. S. I., actually takes it for viscous from which it is hardly distinguishable.
 - * Read amblah. * In this inscription, wherever res occurs, e is doubled.
- *The letter do of dark seems to have been inserted in the space between do and re. It looks like the length sign of 4.
 - Bead padmam=
- *There is a marked preference for the final consenant in this inscription. See also obliques (1.1), tut-suta (1.2) and vateurs (1.4).
 - 7 In place of state imi, A. S. S. I. made punerato (?).
- The syllables "sy-lightfu-kliptim have been read as spd(codhi)kliptim in A. S. S. f. There is no doubt about the reading given in our text. The letter bit is rare and looks like kurn as it must; but it cannot be taken for kit, for the length sign is clearly distinguished in this inscription from ra by the latter being given a tube at the bottom.
 - The letter di is corrected from ti.
 - 10 Vanta is the reading in A. S. S. I. The bottom letter t is slightly damaged.
 - 13 Mildri is the reading in must inscriptions, but in No. 417 of S. I. I. (Texts), Vol. V, it is replaced by migus.
 - 12 The reading in S. I. I., Vol. V, Nos. 412 and 417 is Q. In this inscription, the letter ju is clear.
- 13 Though niferra is the reasking found in Nos. 412 and 417 of S. I. I., Vol. V, our inscription uses nifer both here and in line 12: the short and long-s are clearly distinguished. In No. 302 of S. I. I., Vol. V, niferra is followed by trunks instead of teaks.

- 10 Kali nadungi nedum-pilatt-olippa Villavar¹ Sembiyar Viratar Varatar¹ Pallavar tiraiyudan murai murai
- 11 paņiya iru-nēmiy-aļavum=oru-nēmiy=ônga ing-amud=āgiya iyal-išai-nādaga[m*] manni vaļara maņi-mudi
- 12 őűdi verpenav-őngiya* vírasimhāsanattu*-kkarpaga-nilar-kalai-valör pugala mannavar-döviyar vana-
- 13 ngi-ning-ëttum-anna-men-nadaiy-Avanimulududaiyërodum virrirund-aruliya sri-kōchChadaivarmma-
- 14 r-āņa Tribhuvaņachchakravarttigaļ śri-Kulašēkaradēvarku yāņģu 13-vadu nāļ nālāyirattu munnūr-
- 15 r-arupadināli Madurodaya-vaļanāţţu Māḍakkuļa-kkil Madurai-kkōyir-palliy-arai-kkūdat-

First Plate; Second Side.

- 16 tu-ppalli-ppidam Malavarājanil-elundaruļiy-irundu [Vēdamu]m Sāstramu[m] pöy vyākhyātākkaļāy-i-
- 17 rukkuñ=chaturvvēdi-Bhattargal pēr-āyiratt-enpadinmarku* =ppañgu āyiratt-enpadum dēvadāņa-p-
- 18 paņi-šey-virutti pangu nūrr-irupadum āgu=ppangu āyiratt-iru-nūrrukku=ppadinmūnrāvadi-
- 19 *n-edir padin-onrām-āndu-mudal brahmadēyam-āga=kKīranur-nāṭṭu ¹Nakkamangala-mum Udaiyā-*
- 20 r Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyār dēvadānam Vāgaikudiyum utpadu* brahmadēyam-āga-kkūttina Tiruvāva-
- 21 namun-Tuttiyūrum ¹⁹Kirungākköttaiyum-ivv-ūr-¹¹ Kāduvettiyum Muttamun- Korranāriyu-
- 22 n-Tadaiyili-Tiyagiy-ambalum Vellattaivenran-ambalum Pagavadiy- ambalum Na-
- 23 duvir-köttaiyun-Kādan-Etti-kuruchchiyum Panangalur"-nāttu Adikaraiyum Mitti-
- 24 ravāliyum Vēlanguļamum Omaļagiyān-ēmbalun-Chōlaiyēriyun-Kudainjādiyum-Aru-
- 25 varai-Pudukkujamun-Kîp¹³-Chûraiyum Mêr-Chûraiyum Pidarikujamum Paṇangalūr-āṇa Paṇdita-
- 26 panjaranallūrum Seyyakuļattūrum Singaņēriyudaiyān kāņipparrum Vanjiyūrum-Karku-
- 27 richchiyum¹¹-Ariyankuruchchiyum-Āraikkuļamum-Arugašādiyum Vīraganga- ¹³ppērayanēmbalum Vī-
 - 1 Marajur is a variant found in No. 302 of S. I. I., Vol. V.
- ² Instead of this phrase, eijangiya kudir-oji occurs in No. 302 and eijangiya alone in Nos. 412 and 417 of S. I., Vol. V.
 - 2 The so of squattu is an interlineation. It is entered below the line.
 - The resulting sales in A. S. S. I., is wrong. The mistake increases the number of days by four.
 - * Read 'rkku. * The s sign of me is engraved at the end of the previous line.
 - 7 Over the letter No, the f sign is entered and erased.
 - *The length of ye is entered at the beginning of the next line.
 - " Rend utpada,
 - 18 The reading Strumpt given in A. S. S. I. is wrong.
 - H Read -ar.
 - 25 The length of \$\lambda ii is here separated from the letter, whereas it is connected with it in line 25.
 - 13 Read Kil.
 - 14 The word kuruckeki is in some cases spelt kurickeki. See lines 77, 106, 236.
- 16 This word may also be read ppopage. As there is no saign over the letter r, the reading pperigon given in A. S. S. I. must be considered wrong.

TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I.

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- 28 rapāndiyappērayan1-ēmbalum Moļiyan-ēmbalum Ambalakküttan-ēmbalum Šitta-
- 29 *n-ēmbalum *Paṇṇīrāyirappērayaṇ¹-ēmbalum=Uvaṇiyamaṅgalamum *Pudaichchān kuli[y-ēm]ba-
- 30 lum Tiyandaikudi*-nāţţu* Ugaray-ödu Köţţaiyuñ-Chivigaiyăn-kuliyum=Udum[ba]ndai-*
 Second Plate: First Side.
- 31 *yum-Ulagaraniyum-Karaiyurum-Kunneliyum Mattadakkiyeriyum- Changapperayan*-
- 32 lum Puttembalum Kalaiyaneriyum Senkuliyum=Orukkorraneriyun-Kalvayilman-
- 33 galamum Pullanĕriyuñ-Chēndanĕriyu[m*] ¹⁶Nakkanĕriyum Parkulamum Uyyān Śūriyan-ĕmbalu-
- 34 m Marudankudiyum Navarkudiyum Kandiyür-nadalvan-embalun-Chiru-Nakkan öriyun Chülama-
- 35 [ni]yum Purrukkulamum Siruvayalun-Konraikkulamum Pullamangalamun-Karkulamun-Karumakula-
- 36 mum Eyiliyum Padaichchankulamum Puliyankulamum Püdikulamum Vēļārkuruchchiyum Vāy[t*]talainallū-
- 37 rum ivv-ûr¹¹ Kāduveţţiyum Māŋavīramaduraikkuļatt-uļvāyil Marudûr¹¹-kālukku- kkiļak-[ku-pp]ā-
- 38 ¹²dagappadi nila[m*] münru-vēliyum utpadu¹² brahmadēyam-āga=kkūttiņa Marudūr- āņa Madurēdaya-chohatu-
- 39 rvvēdimangalamun-Changan-ēmbalun-Chankaramangalamum Tiyanūr- Sölaiyēriyun-Kiļānkāttūf r-ā]na
- Puravari-ehehaturvvēdimangalam padin-mūngāvadin-edir pattām-ānduvarai kudippagrāv vanda nīr-nilamun-ka-
- 41 runchey punseyum nattamun-töttamum tidalum-üraniyun-köyil-adiyum tiru[na*]ndayana[mu]m
- 42 ēmbalum utpatta nilam ettē āru-mā i-nnilam ettē āru-māvum Vīrapāņdiyau- ko-
- 43 läl nikki nikki-ppakkattär pagräy-ulla nilamum Mēg-Pasalaiy-āņa Sīvallabha-chehaturvvēdimangala-
- 44 m padin-mūnrāvadin edir pattām-āņḍuvarai kudiy-irunda janmigal parrāy vanda nīr-
- 45 n-karunche[y*] punšeyun-nattamun-töttamun-tidalum Sriköyilgalum tironandavanamum
- ¹ This word may also be read ppōyay. As there is no i sign over r the reading pperiyag given in A. S. S. I. must be considered wrong.
 ² The ē sign of nē is entered at the end of the previous line.
- ³ In gird, there is a correction. The engraver seems to have at first written ru and inserted the length mark afterwards between gf and rd.

 ⁶ Pukui given in A. S. S. I. is incorrect.
 - * Kudo, the reading in A. S. S. I., is not right. The word occurs again with the spelling kudi.
- * Here and in many more places the letter fu is shaped exactly as the e sign. It is due to the indifference of the acribe.
 - * This word has been read Udumquandai in A. S. S. I.
- At the beginning of this line, the A. S. S. I. has ked of which there are no traces. The first letter is certainly yu.
- The reading periyan given in A. S. S. I. is inadmissible. There is no i sign over r. An alternative reading would be payars which does not give good sense.
 - 10 By mistaking as for & Kakupëri has been made out in A. S. S. I.
 - "Read ar. Perhaps the writer uses r in place of rk.
 - 12 There is nothing to suspect the letter to be in as has been done in: A S. S. I. 12 Read afpada.

Second Plate: Second Side.

- utpada Virapāņdiyan-kölāl nilan=nāl-aralyē mukkāņi i-nnila[m*] nāl-aralyē mu-kkānivun=
- 47 nikki nikki-ppakkattārum Maravarum parrāy=uļļa nilamum Pirāndivēriyuh=Kadukku-
- 49 *Mēr-Paśalaiy-āpa Śrīvallabha-chaturvvēdimangalattu=tTiruppa[śa]lainādar dēvadajna]n= Chēttā-1
- lerivun=tirappu4=chChondan-embalun=Tattan-embalum Vembod-eimbalum Pappa-
- n-āmbalum Edirilišāļappērayap 5-ēmbalum-Mēg-Pašalaiy-āņa Šrīva[1*]labha-[chaturvyē]-
- 51 galattu Śri-Vaikunda-Vinnagar-Alvārku-kkārānmaiy-utpada-ddēvadāņa iraifyili vēlrumuda-
- 52 l Vělaňkáluň-Kaņichchiy-čmbaluń-kudikkāņikku-ttalaimāru vitta nilamum tiralplpu Panni-4
- 53 vaněriyná-KIl[†]-Velivárrůrum "[Mell-Velivarrurum Mandaiyār-kulamun-Nel-
- vēliyun-Tannilattaraiyan-ēmbalum Somātturum Aravankudiyun-Karufn*]kulamum B-
- 55 natturun-Tadappiraiyun-Kanchirankulamum Merkudi-nattu Merkudiy-ana Kalijaya-
- 56 mangalam padin-münrävadin-edir pattām-āṇḍuvarai kuḍipparrāy vanda nir-nilamun-ka-
- ruñche[y*] puŋśeyu[m*] nattamum-utpada Virapāņdiyaŋ-kölāl nilam-irandē nālu-
- nnilam-irandē nālu-māvu[m*] nīkki nīkki-ppakkattār parrāy-uļļa nilamum Mēn-Mērkudī-58
- yum Manjajurun-Korraneriyum Udaiyar Tiruppuvanam-udaiyar devadana[m*] Mut-
- 60 türanärottaiyam Annalvä[yu]m*-ivv-är[p*]pär¹⁰-Chundan-ëmbalum Narimanramäna Va[ra]. 11

Third Plate; First Side.

- ivv-ürppär13-Chilaiyanëriyum=Uriyappiyum gandanallürum Tāliy-ēmbalum Ko-
- 62 rranēriyum Sūriyan-ēmbalum Somanēriyum tirappu Purapparalai-nāttu-pPulla-19
- 63 unëriyam Kannanur-karancheypparrir kuttina nilamum Madalaikurichchi-kkaranchey-
- 64 yum Kit-Cheli-ppurkaraiyum Achchankāttirukkai Milaganūr-ana Irūšēndirašingana-
- 65 llürum ivv-ürppal Minneriyum Kannikudiyum Araiyaneriyum Naduvir-Cheli-
 - 1 Kakekudi is the reading in A. S. S. I. This is due to the resemblance of du to a sign.
 - " The i sign of Mi is entered at the end of the previous line.
- The reading num Sembiners given in A. S. S. I. is hardly possible. At the end of the line, the letter \$2 is very clear. Owing to scratches over the penultimate t, it seems to have been mistaken for m. As the loops of n are fully developed in this inscription, there is no doubt about the first letter of the next line being le and not me. 1 have accordingly taken the word to be Sittajeri.
- This word has been wrongly read as firs in A. S. S. I. Tiroppu occurs again in lines 52 and 68 where it has been correctly read.
 - Here again, we have persyon-7. The engraver appears to have incised the i sign over r and erased it.
 - The last syllable is not and not not as given in A. S. S. I.
 - * Here the loop for long i is wanting. * For Me the engraver has written pe.
 - "The letter ye of cayum resembles po. The middle vertical stroke does not seem to have been cut.
 - to The reading particulary of A. S. S. I. is not admissible.
 - 11 The last letter ro is missing, the plate being broken at the corner.
 - 13 In place of ppor, the A. S. S. I. has Maddr.
- 15 Instead of parajai and Pulla, we have Pirasa and Yulla in A. S. S. I. The engraver has written ppu as a group and the group symbol actually resembles yu.
 - 14 The & sign of se is at the end of the previous line.

- 66 kkulatt-ulväyum Mer-Cheliyum Kuruchchättiyum Sirukkilättiyum Puvaninallürum A-
- 67 rikudiyum Somaneriyum Tayan-Püdi-embalum Udaiyar Tiruppüvanam-udaivar
- 68 dēvadāņañ-Chirukilānkāṭṭūrum Śiru-Miļagiyum tirappu Nerkunramum Kaṭṭikkuļa-
- 69 mum Perrāņ-ēmbalum āga ivv-ūrgaļir=paļan-dēvadāņam paļļichchandam ¹karāņmai-
- 70 yāṇa nilam nīkki nīkkiy-uļļa nilam muṇṇ-uḍaiyārum palam-pērum Velļāṇ-vagaiy[u]-
- 71 m mudalun-tavirttu oru-nāḍum or-ūrum oru-puravum-ākki Rājagambhīra-vaļanāṭṭu Rājagmbhīra-
- 72 chaturvvēdimangalam-ennun-tirunāmattāl brahmadēyan-cheydaruli ivv-ūr nān[g]-el-
- 73 laiyun-kankānigaļodun-kūda-ppidi sūļndu pidi nadanda ellaikku arav-olai seydu
- 74 kudukkavengu tiruväymolindarulinamaiyil Puravu[va]ri2-kkankāni Milalai-kkū-
- 75 grattu Naduvig-kugu Śri-Parantakanallug-Kattikugichchi-udaiyan Araiya[n*] Naraya-3

Third Plate; Second Side.

- 76 nanum Milalai-kkurrattu K[i*]la-kurru Tandalaiudaiyan Pirantakan Tiruppuvanamudai-3
- 77 yāņum Alagiyapāņdiyakkuļakkīl Māraņūr-āņa Palamaņdalādittanallūr⁵ Māraņū-
- 78 r-udaiyān Karunākaradēvan Purpavanamudaiyānum Tiruvāykkēļvi-pPurappara-
- 79 lai-nāṭṭu=pPuttūr-uḍaiyān Ponnan Sūriyadēvan-āna Jeyadara-pPallavaraiyar ka-
- 80 nkāni Šola-mandalattu Tirumunaippādi-nāttu=kKaruppūr-udaiyān Pillai-Ālvān-āna
- 81 Ponnambalakkūttanum Poyyāmolidēvar kaņkāņi Karungudi-nāţţu Kīl-Ne-
- 82 ttur-āņa Kīrtivisālaiyanallur Vēļāņ Šāttaņum sāmudāyam Mutturru-kurrattu-kKa-
- 83 ppalūr⁷-āṇa Ulagaļandaśōļanallūr Kappalūr-uḍaiyāṇ ⁹Sirāmaṇ Tiruvuḍaiyāṇ-āṇa⁹
- 84 Pottappichchölar kankāni Kēraļasinga-vaļanāttu Veļiyārrū[r-u*]daiyān Nārāyanan Satta-
- 85 num Māligaittaņam Vadatalai-chChembi-nāṭṭu Āykkudiy-āṇa Alagiyapāndiyanallūr10 Sīva-
- 86 llavan Alagiyamanavāļan-āna Kālingarāyar kankāni Poliyūr-nāttu Arunkalam-udaiyān
- 87 Arayan Tirumalai-udaiyānum Malavarāyar kaņkāņi ¹¹Tīyandaikudi-nāṭṭu Kīṭ-Paśalaiyāna Dā-¹²
- 88 navinodanallūr-udaiyān Arayan Karumānikkamum Piļļaiyār Aļagapperumāļ=adikāra-
- 89 m=Muttürru-kkürrattu=kKappalür-ana Ulagalandaśōlanallur10-Kappalur-udaiyan Uyyava-
- 90 ndan Ponnan-ana Manabarana-Müvendavelarum Solapandiya-valanattu-chChirupa-

¹ Read kārānmai.

The damage in the syllables vuva seems to have led to the wrong reading scha in A. S. S. I.

³ A bit of the plate at the right bottom corner, enough to cover a letter is broken off. Still no letter is actually missing as is clear from the fact that Nārāya at the end of this face of the plate reads without break with nanum at the beginning of the next face. But at the end of that line where the bit is lost, the letter i seems to have been written and lost and had to be crammed in just to the right of, but below, the ai sign. Had the bit been broken before, i would have found place at the beginning of the second line.

^{*} The i sign of ki has not been engraved and the A. S. S. I. has the letter ka correctly.

There is an extra length sign in la.

⁶ The passage after Karuppūrudai seems to have been written over an erasure. The letters at the end clearly retain traces of the prior writing. In the previous line also the damaged condition and the size of the letters from Sūriya to the end suggest the same fact though traces of the old letters are not seen.

⁷ What looks like ya at the commencement of this line is the group symbol for ppa.

⁶ Read Si.

The last letter na is a correction.

¹⁰ Read °lūr.

¹¹ This word has been wrongly read in A. S. S. I. as Tiyanakai.

¹² The length of Da is engraved at the beginning of the next line.

Fourth Plate; First Side.

- 91 laiyür!-ana Kavērivallavanallūr-udaivān Nambi Ponnambalakkūttan-ana Vīrašingadēva-1
- 92 rum i-nuättukku-kkäri ya* jä-cheygira Iräšingankulakkil Iräšendirattu Alagiyapändi-
- 93 yan anukkaril Malaikiniyaningan Alagan-ana Visaiya-Vichchadiradevarum kankaniyaga Ti-
- 94. yandaikudi-nāṭṭu Māṇavīramadurai Mādavan Divākara-Baṭṭaṇun™Nārāyaṇan Nārāyaṇa-Baṭṭa-
- 95 num si(śrī) Mādavan Nārasimha-Bhattanum Gövindan Tirunīlakanda-Battanum Jātavēdan
- 96 Subrahmanya-Bhattanum utpadus brahmadēyamāga-kkūttina Marudūr-āna Madurōdayachehatu-
- 97 *rvvčdimangalattu-tTirukkudandai Adityan Sendapiran-Battanum śri-Krishnan-Alagi-
- 98 ya-Rāghava-Bhattanum Kāliyāyan Vennaikkūtta-Bhattanum Mēr-Pašalaiy-āna Śrīvallabha-
- 99 mangalattu Ähitögni árī-Ramganātha-Bhatta-Söma-Kāthaka-yājiyārum Nārāyanan Nārāya-
- 100 na-Bhattanum éri-Väsudévan Nagnapiran-Bhattanum éri-Rāman Paramātma-Bhattanum Kiţ-Paŝalai-
- 101 y-āņa Dāṇaviṇōdanallūr-*Āyan Uyyaningāḍuvāṇ-āṇa Śembiyadaraiyanum Kēśavan Nārāya-
- 102 napum Karumānikkan-Korranum Kalvāyil Kēšavanum Periyan Perranum Nanga-
- 103 n Alaganum Vāsudēvan Sūriyadēvanum Poliyūr-nāttu-pPoliyūr-āna Pātti(rthi)vakēša-
- 104 rinallür-Appan Süriyadevanum Udayan Varagunadevan-ana Alagiyapandiya-Vilupparai-
- 105 yanum Süriyan Varantaruvān-āna Sangirāmasinga-pPallavaraiyanum Sundarattöjudaiyā-

Fourth Plate ; Second Side.

- 106 n Somadevanum Purapparalai-nāttu-kKallikkudiy-āņa Puravuvarinallūr?-Dayānilai Uyya-
- 107 vandān-āna Chēdarāyanum* Aņukkan-Ariyānum Appan-Arumolidēvan-āna Sembiyan-Vilu-
- 108 pparaiyanum Puttūri kilavan Battan ana Purapparalai pādu kilavanum Kānaiy-Irukkaiy-
- 109 raiy-āna Indirasamāṇanallūr⁷-Paliyānilai Sūriyadēvaṇ-āṇa Tamiṇāḍu-kilavaṇum Vēļāņ= Ira-
- 110 ttaiy-ana Irāšakunjara-pPallavaraiyanum Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalattudan kūtti-
- 111 na Milaganurku-ttalaimaru kudutta Achehankättirukkai-18kKuvalaiveliyum Puduk-
- 112 rankīrtiyum Kāvidinallūrum¹¹ Kadambamangalamum Sāttiyār-ēmbalum Kāñaiy-Irukkaiy-Arai-
- 113 yarkulattil Mandari Irāman-āna Pallavarāyar kāṇiyāna sempādi nīkki nīkkiy-uļļa nila-
- 114 mum-āga ivv-ūrgaļ munn-udaiyārum paļam-peyarum mudalun-tavigtu oru-nādum or-ūrum

³ The commencement of this line has been read *islai* in A. S. S. I. Of this the first letter *is* is really the Tamil numeral 'four' which is the number of the plate and which is cut at the left top corner away from larger and slightly below the first line.

The syllables derg have been read as Tola in A. S. S. I.

The letters aNa are expressed by a group.

⁴ Read utpada.

^{*} The & sign of reed is at the end of the previous line.

[.] This word may also be read Arayau.

[†] Read ür.

Bead Chidie.

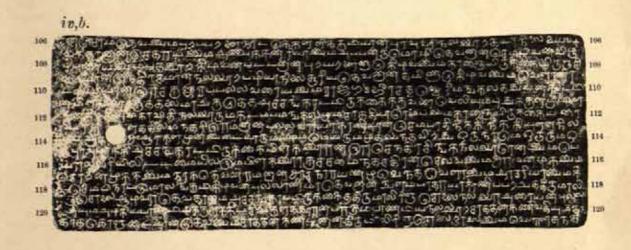
[&]quot;The letters ppg are expressed by a group,

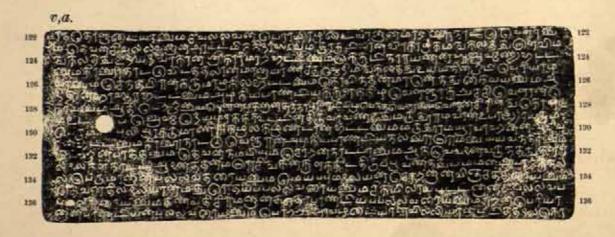
¹⁸ Valuicelli is taken as the name of the village in A. S. S. I.

II This has been incorrectly read as Mahavidhic in A. S. S. I.

TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I. (II).









vi,a.



vi,b.

- ru-puravum-ākki Achchańkāttirukkai-Milagaņūr-āņa Irāšēndiršinganallūr-ennum pe-
- yaral variyil-ittamaiyil i-mMilaganürkut-chchamainda Sadiran Selvanum Iraman-Alaganum
- Soran Mükkanum Nagadévan-Iraman-ana Irasanarayana-Müvendavejanum Arasariyanum 117
- t-Chembi-nättu Mālangudi-kilavan Pullāņi Mādēvan-āņa Nulambādarāyar kāṇipparru-118 tTirumāli-
- ri-neholai-Alvār dēvadānam Achehankāttirukkai-tTirumā-lirineholainallūr Araiyan Pullā-1 119
- niyum Alagiyapandiyakkulakkit-Chirukulattur-ana Parakramapandiyanallur-Sattan Ka-120 navadivum Sun-
- darattöludaiyan Devanum Sattan Kandan-ana Tirumalirinchölai*-Dasanum Velan Sunda-121

Fifth Plate : First Side.4

- rattöludaiyanum Sivallavan Peraviramudaiyan-ana Maranur-nattu Velanu-
- m Dēvan Sīvallavan-āna Arattamikkidāsaņum Sūrakudiy-āna Vīrakāmugamangalattu Havima-
- ngalattu Udavadivākaran šrī-Kārimāra-Bhattanum i-kkudi Nārāyanan Subrahmanya-124 Bhatta-
- num Kīranūr-nāttu Vidattal-āna Māṇābaraṇa-chaturvvēdimangalattu Uyyaningādi Periyāl-
- vānum Sendapirān Karumāmugil-Bhattanum Gövindan Mānendukaiyyanum Ā-
- dityan Bhāskara-Bhattanum Alagiyapāndiyakkulakkīl Vellūrkuruchchi Vėlān 127
- Kovanum^a Ādī Perrānum Vēļān=Aļagan-āna Sundarapāndiya-Mūvēndavēļānum Vēļān 128 Sirilanko vu].
- m utpadu[†] brahmadēyamāga=kkūttina Tiruvāvaņattu Marudūr-Āļvān Upāddhyāyarum 129
- Karumanikkam-Ulagamundan-Bhattanum Marudur Mayuravahanan Perumpuliyur 130 Aduva-
- n-Bhattanum Kīranūr-nāttu Vēļūr-āna Alagiyapāndiyanallūr Irāman-Uyyavandānum 131
- Pegrān Pāttaņum Dēvan Nambiyum Soran Nāttāņum -aga ivv-anaivarun-tangal e-132
- llaigal kätta Anaittanam Iräśingankulakkit- Tiruppüvanattu Pamman-Adiyarkunal-133
- laperumān-āna Pallavadaraiyanum Meyppu Malaiyan Šoran-āna Viñjattaraiyanum
- Dēvan Tillaiy-āna Madurodaya-pPallavaraiyanum Sīkayilāya*-Battan-āna [Sī]vallava-p-
- Pallavaraiyanum Kanavadi Siraman-ana Sundarapandiya-pPallavaraiyanum10 [E]ran 136
- 137 n-āņa Pāṇdiyan Pallavaraiyanum Pērru Aravamudaiyān Villiy-āṇa¹¹ Mudittalaliko-¹²

¹ Read orkku.

² Road firmicholai.

^{*} The length stroke of la is written at the commencement of the next line and is damaged.

⁴ The number of the plate is engraved on the margin of the left top corner,

^{*} The left hand portion of the medial & sign of K5 is written at the end of the previous line.

After Perranu the letters are smaller in size up to "a Sirija".

^{*} Read apada. The letter du resembles the secondary e symbol.

The last three letters are Aduea. The length sign of ed, which is written at the beginning of the next line, is damaged and looks like éa. The reading Kééara given in A. S. S. I. is inadmissible, for A and eg are clear.

Instead of Sikayilâya, the A. S. S. I. has Sidayil-Araya.

¹⁸ After yanu, there is only one m and the trace of the vowel & following it. As such, the reading m Magun of A. S. S. I. is inadmissible. Against the reading it has also to be noted that there is too much space for the length sign of Md.

tivellipon is the reading in A. S. S. I. It is inadmissible as it disregards the i sign over v and the length eymbol after y.

¹² The syllables mudi are re-placed by pidi in A. S. S. I.

Fifth Plate : Second Side,

- nda-pPallavaraiyanum pidi nadatta =ppidi nadandapadikku arav-5lai seydu-kudutta pari-138
- śāvadu [||*] Padin-mūngāvadin-edir pannirandām-āndu Dhanu-nāyaggu lnālān-tiyadiyum 139 apara-pakshat-
- tu ēkādašiyum Šani-kkilamaiyum perra Sōdi-nāt=Kīl-ellai ivv-ūr vada-kilakku-kKīt-Chū-140
- ²raiy-enru për kuvappatta Udaikulattu kil-kadai-kkombir-rudangi idaninrun-ter-
- ku nökki-chchenru Seyyakulattüril-ninrum Kadambangudikku-ppögira valiyaiy-üda-142 ruttu=t-
- 143 ten-kilakku nökkiyun-terku nökkiyun-ten-kilakku nökkiyun-chenru Manaviramadurai-
- yil-ninrum Vēmbangudikku-ppēgira vaļiyaiy-ūdaruttu-kkilakku nēkki-chehenru Še-144
- yya[ku]lattūril-ningum Mūvaraiyarkottaikku=ppogira peru-vallyaiy=ūdaruttu Pu-145
- 3daichchān-kuliyaiy4 valattu vaittu i-vvaliyir=kūdina vetti-pperu-valiyaiy4 ten-kilak-146
- 147 ku nokki=chchengu Muvaraiyarkottaiyil-ningum Manaviramaduraikku=ppogira peru-
- 148 valiyaiy=ūdaruttu mērk=innam [1*] i-vvaliyil-ninrum ten-kilakku nokki=chchenru mērku
- někki-ppěna peru-valiyaiy-ūdaruttu-tten-kilakku někki-chchenru Pidavūril-nin-149
- rum Māṇavīramaduraikku-ppōgira valiyaiy-ūdaruttu-tten-kilakku nōkki-chchenru Ka-150
- raiyūr-kulattu-kkil-kadai-kkombaiy-urru i-kkaraiyil-ninrun-ten-kilakku nok-151
- ki=chchenru mērk=innam [i*] Kunnēli-kkuļattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy=ūdaruttu mērk= 152
- 153 i-kkālil-ningun=ten-kilakku nokki=chChangappērayan ēmbar=kīl-ellaiyēy terku

Sixth Plate: First Side.

- ⁵nōkkiyun=ten-kilakku nōkkiyuñ=chenru Neṭṭūril-ninrum Māṇavīramaduraikku=ppōgi-
- ra valiyaiy=ūdaruttu=chChandiranallūr-kulattu nīr-nakkalē terku nōkki=chehenru i-ch-
- ranallur ten-kadaiyaiy=urru merk=innam [|*] ida-ninrun=ten-merku nokki-Vaigaiy-a-156
- na Śrīvallavappērārrukku-ppōgira valiyēy ten-mērku nōkki-chchenru mērk-in-157
- nam [|*] i-vvaliyil-ninguñ=Chenkuli=kkīl-ellai perra śevvaiyēy terku nōkki=ch-158
- chenru i-chChenkuli=ttenn-ellaiyey merku nokki=chchenru Orukkorran[e]ri=[kki]-159
- l-ellajy-āna Karkuļavāy-ūdēy terku nokki=chchenru mērk=innam [|*] iv[v-Orukko]-160
- rranēri-ttenn-ellaiyēy ten-mērku nokki-chchenru Vaigaiy-ā[na Šīvallava]-161
- ppērāgril-igangi mēgk-innam [J*] i-chChīvallavappērāgrin-ūdē vada-mēgku n[ōkkiyum] 162
- 163 mērku nokkiyun-chenru mērk-innam[I*] ivv-ārril-ninru ten-karaiyil-ēr[i-tte]-
- rku nokki-chchenru Kīţ-Paśalaiy-āṇa Dāṇaviṇodanallūr kulattukkum Mēg-Paśa[laiy-āṇa]
- Šrīvallabha-chaturvvēdimangalattu-kkuļattukkum nīr pāygira kālaiy-ūdaruttu i-kkāl-165
- 166 karaiyil-ēri Vēļārkuriehchipparril Arasiparr[ilē] lāl nilam=a[raiyēy-] irandu
- 167 varambēy terku nokki-chehenru [Māṇavīramadurai]-kkuļattu vada kadaivil-ēri mēr-

¹ The letters nalantiya are written over an erasure.

² The ai sign of rai is at the end of the previous line.

The ai sign of dai is at the end of the previous line,

Delete y at the end of this word.

s The left hand portion of the medial o sign is entered at the and of the previous line.

The letters of a portion of the plate on the right side from line 159 are much damaged but could be filled up from traces that remain and from the context. So also, the letters of the middle portion of the plate of the last four lines are damaged.

⁷ This gap may be filled with the letters pattakko.

k-innam [1*] i-kkaraiyēy mērku nōkki-[chchenru i-m]Māṇavīramadurai-kkuļatt-uļvāvil

[rudūr]-kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālukku=k[kiļakku]-ppāṭṭamāy-ppayir=ēri va[ru]gira nilattil 169 Rājagam-

Sixth Plate : Second Side.

[bhīra]-chaturvvēdimangalattukku=ppāṭṭakkōlāl kūṭṭiṇa nilam mūnru vē[likku=kkī]-e]llaifvē te]-

rku nokki-chchenru i-kkulattu-tten-karaiyil-ēri Maru[dūr-kulattukku nīr pāygira] kālaiy=

mērk=innam [l*] i-kkālin kīl-karaiyēy ten-kilakku n[ōkkiyun]=terku nōkkiyuñ=[chenru] 172

Vāņagangappēraiyan kudiyiruppil tenn-āsarudi amudunila-pparippaiy=urru mērk=i[nnam] 173

i-pparippēy kilakku nokki=chchenru Marudūr=palan-kulatt-agavāyil Māṇavīramadurai=[t]-174

*tenn-āśarudi vayalil ten-varambēy kiļakku nokkiyum vada-kilakku nokkiyun=che[nru 175

rudūr=ppaļan-kulattu=kkil-kadai-kkombil=ēri mērk=innam[]*] i-kkaraiyē mēr[ku] 176

nökki-chchepru Marudur-kkil-ellaiyum Māṇaviramadurai mēl-ellaiyum-[āṇa] 177

Divākara-vāykkāl-ūdē terku nokki=chchenru i-vvāykkāl mudindu Divākara-vayakka[1] 178

*m[ē]l-varambē terku nōkki=chchenru i-chchey=tten-varambēy kilakku nōkki=chchenr[u] 179 Sundara-vayakkal mēl-varambu perra ševvaiyēy terku nokki-chchenru Šankaraman [gala]-

180 ttu vadav-ellaiyum Māṇavīramadurai-ttenn-ellaiyum-āṇa ellaiyēy kiļakku nōkki-

181 vada-kilakku nökkiyuñ=chenru Sankaramangalattu vada-kadai-kkombil=ēri 6kiyum 182 Mē-

r-Paśalaiy-ana Śrivallabha-chaturvvēdimangalattu=kkulattukkum Kīt-Paśalaiy-ana Dā-183

navinodanallūr-kkuļattukku nīr pāygīra kālaiy=urru mērk=innam [1*] i-kkālin-mē-

Seventh Plate; First Side.

185 1-karaiyê ten-kilakku nökki-chchenru i-kkālil-ninrum Mēr-Pasalaiy-āna Śrīvallabha-

chaturvvēdimangalattu=kkulattukku nīr pāya=ppirinda kālaiy=ūdaruttu=kKīt-Paśalaiy-186 āna Dā-

naviņēdanallūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kāliņ mēl-karai[yēy] teņ-[ki]]akku nēkkiyum=ki 187

kku nökkiyun-terku nökkiyuñ-chenru i-dDanavinodanallur-kulattu mēl-kadai-

yaiy=urru i-kkulattu=ppurkaraiyil=irangi Mēr-Pasalaiy-āna Srīvallabba-chaturvvēdiman 189 galatone abrimed appropriate that the magnised above me

tu=kkuļattukku nīr pāygira kāliņ kīļ-karaiyē terku nōkki=chchenru i-chChīvallabha-190 with his charge washing the in the same chaturvve-

dimangalattu=kkulattu vada-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattu maruvāy-Idukkārr-ūdē terku nō-191

192 kkiyun-ten-kilakku nokkiyun-chenru Nelveli nattattukku-ppogira valiyaiy-u-

193 rru mērk=innam[l*] i-nNelvēli=kkuļattu=kkīļ-kadai-kkombaiy=ēri=pParaļai-kkālai-

y-urru i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē terku nōkki-chchenru Nakkanēriyil-ninru mērku nōkki-p-

¹ The letters at the right end of lines 170 to 180 are damaged.

The traces at the end of this line and the space available admit only the reading urru and not adaruttu as

in A. S. S. I. The letter du of mudu is an interlineation. It is entered below the line.

⁴ The e sign of te is entered at the end of the previous line.

5 The ē sign of mē is at the end of the previous line.

6 Delete the first letter ki.

- pogira valiyaiy=ūdaruttu=ttenn-ellai ? Nelvēli=ttenn-ellaiyum Ettiyeri nattattu vada-195
- 196 vāvum-āna valiyēv mērku nokki=chchenru Ettiyēri natta[t]tu mēl-āśarudiyaiy=urru i-
- ¹da-ningum mēgku nõkki=chchengu ivv-Ettiyērikkun=Nelvēlikkun=naduvāņa paļan-[kōyila]-
- diyaiy-urru ida-ninrun-ten-merku nökki-chchenru Paralaiy-arraiy- üdaruttu vadakk-198 in[nam [|*] [i-]
- 199 vv-ārrin mēl-karaiyē terku nokkiyun=ten-mērku nokki[yun]=chenru Somāttūr=kī[l-el]-
- laiy-āṇa Nirambaiyūṛ=kuļattukku nīr pāygiṛa kālaiy=ūḍaṛuttu i-[kkāliṇ] mēl-karaiyē te-*

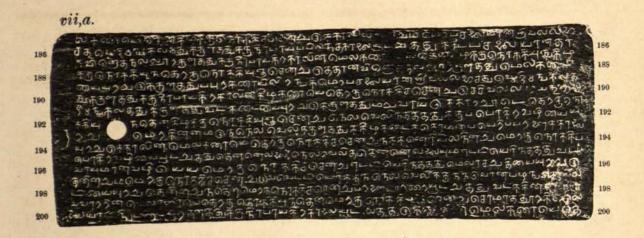
Seventh Plate; Second Side.

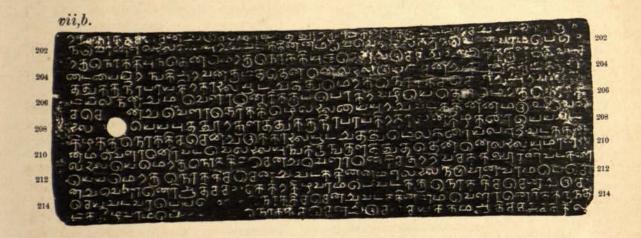
- rku n[ōkki=ch]ch[e]nru i-chChōmāttūrkun=Kallikkudippār-Chiruvāgai[k]kun= 201
- naduv-āna ellaivaiv-urru vadakk-innam[]*] ivv-ellaikku na[du]v-āna varambē [m]ē-202
- rku nokkiyun=ten-merku nokkiyun=che[n]ru i-chChiruvagai=kku[la]t[tu] [vada]-ka-203
- daiyaiy=irangi Aravankudi=ttenn-ellaiyē senru [Kallikkudi=kkula]-204
- 205 ttukku nîr pāygira kālaiy=ūdaruttu mērku nõkki=chchenru Ara[vanku]-
- 206 diyil-ningum Vēļāņērikku=ppogira vaļiyē teņ-mērku [nokki]=
- 207 chchengu Vēļānēri-kkīļ-ellaiyaiy-ugru vadakk-innam [*] iv[v-el]-
- laiyēy Puttūr=kuļattukku nīr pāygira kālin kīl-karaiyēy [vada]-208
- 209 kilakku nokki-chchengu i-kkālaiy-ūdaguttu mēl-karaiyil ēgi vadakk-in-
- 210 nam [|*] Vēļāņēri vadav-ellaiyun-Karunkulattu-ttenn-ellaiyum-āna [e]-
- 211 llaiyē mērku nokki=chchenru Vēļānēri=chChūrri-vašakkal=ūrani vada-karai-
- 212 yēy mērku nokki-chchenru vadakk-innam []*] ellai naduv-āna varambē śe-
- 213 nru Vēļāņēri Ādichcha-vaśakkar-kīļ-varambē vadakku nokki-chchenru i-ch-
- 214 chey vada-vara[m*]bēy mē[rku] nōkki=chchenru vadakk=innam [l*] Vēļānēri-kKarunda-
- 215 di-kkīļ-varambēy [vadakku] nokki-chchenru i-chcheykkum Ādichcha-vašakkal

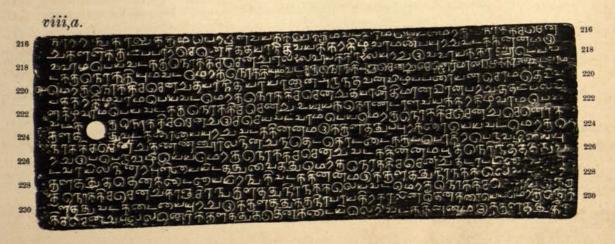
Eighth Plate; First Side.

- nāgrankālukkum Pegrān-vayakkalukkum vada-varambēy mēgku nökki-chcheu-
- ru Kallikkudippār-Chēnēri-dDayānīti-vayakkar-kīl-varambaiy=urru vadakk=innam [|*] i-217
- vvarambēy vadakku nokki=chchengu ellai-vāykkālaiy=ugu i-vvāykkāl-ūdēv va-
- dakku nokkiyum vada-merku nokkiyum³ vadakku nokkiyuñ=chenru Śeneri Malar⁴-mukkani 219
- 220 bēš mērku nokki=chchengu Dayānītiy=Ariyān-āṇa Arundavan-Viļupparaiyan Somadēvi-va-
- yakkar-kīl-varambēy vada-mērku nokki-chchenru Dayānīti Māṇavīran-parru-ttadi palavi-
- n kî]-varambēy vadakku nökki=chchenru Uyyakkondā]-vayakkar-kī]-varambēy 222
- vadakku nõkki=ehchenru i-chchey vada-varambēy mērku nõkki=chchenru Sēnēri=k-223
- kuļattu vada-karaiyaiy=urru vadakk=innam [1*] i-kkuļattu=ppurkaraiyēy vada-mērku 224
- *nōkki=chchenru Kannanūril-ninrum=Dēdakōttaikku=ppōgira peruvali[yai]y=u-225
- rru i-pperu-valiyēy mērku nokki=chchenru vadakk=innam []*] Pūdanēri-[na]ttattu [va]-226
- da-vāyil-ninga puļiyaiy=idattu vaittu mērku nokki=chchengu Tadāppiraiy-āna 227
- kulattu=tten-kadaiyaiy=irangi vadakk=innam []*] i-kkulattu nīr-nakkalē vada-mēr-228
- ku nökki-chchengu Kanchirankulattu nir-nakkaley vada-merku nökki-chchengu i-kku-229
- 230 lattu vada-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattukku nīr pāygira kālin tenkaraiyēy mērku nōk-
- ki-chchenru Pullanēri-kkuļattu-tten-kadaiyil-ēri vadakk-innam [1*] i-kkuļattu nīr-231
 - 1 The letter da is a correction.
 - 2 This letter has been wrongly read in A. S. S. I.
 - 3 After nokkiyu, the letters are written over an erasure and in smaller characters.
 - 4 The reading in A. S. S. I. is Maralara.
 - ⁵ The letter be is entered on the margin in smaller character.
 - The left hand portion of the sign of the medial o in no is engraved at the end of the previous line.
 - 1 Read Deva",

TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I. (III).







ix,a.

ix,b.

Eighth Plate; Second Side.

- nakkalē vadakku nokki=chchenru i-kkuļattu va[da]-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkuļattukku nīr pāygira
- kāliņ teņ-karaiyē mērku nokki-chchenru Kannanūrku-ppogira peru-vaļiyaiy-urru 233
- [va]dakk=innam [|*] i-vvaliyē vadakku nokki=chchengu Kannanūrku vadav-ellaiyu[m*] Narimanrattu=t-
- tenn-ellaiyum-āna Kannanūr-Pidāriyēri Muttaraiyan karunche[y*] vada-varambu perra 235 śevvai-
- nökki=chchengu Madalaikurichchi=kkula-pparippaiy=urru i-kkulatt=ulväye vē mērku 236 vadakku nō-
- kki=ppattu-kkōl-aļavu šeņru vadakk=innam [|*] i-kkuļatt-ūdē mērku nōkki=chehenru Kanna-237
- nūr-kulattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy-ūdaruttu mērku nōkki-chchenru vadakku nōkki-238 ppogira Kā-
- navārrukku-kkilakkāga niņra puliyai valattu vaittu mērku nokki-chchenru Kīt-Cheliy-239
- kula=kkaraiyil=ēri i-kkaraiyē vadakku nōkki=chchenru Minnēri=ttenn-ellaiyaiy=urru vada-240
- kk=innam [1*] i-mMinnēri=ttenn-ellaikkum Kīţ-Cheli=kkulattu vaḍav-ellaiyumāy=kKīţ-241 Cheli=kkula-
- ttukku nîr pāynda kār¹-parippē mērku nōkki=chchenru i-pparippaiy=irangi Naduvir-242 Cheli=kkulattu Ma-
- laiyan-udaippil=ēri i-kkuļa-kkaraiyē mērku nokki=chchenru i-kkuļatt-agavāyil²=irangi 243 Milaga-
- nūr-parrāna puņše[y*]=kkī]-ellaiyēy terku nōkkiyun-teņ-mērku nōkkiyuñ-chenru Milaga-244 nūril-
- ningum Kāñaiy-Irukkai-kKoṭṭakigtikku-ppōgiga valiyaiy-uggu vadakk-innam [|*] i-kKoṭṭ-245
- ti vadav-ellaiyun=Kānaiy-Iru[k*]kai Vēļāņēri vadav-ellaikkum Milagaņūr=tenn-ellaik-246 Ninth Plate; First Side.
- kun=naduv-āṇa Kadambangudi=kkulattukku nīr pāygira kāl-ūdēy vada-mērku nōkki= 247
- i-kkālaiy=irangi vadakku nokki Mēr-Cheli=tten-kadai-kkombum Vēļānēri=ppuņše[y*] vada-248
- v-ellaiyum-āṇa karai-pparippē vaḍa-mērku nōkki=chchenru Mila[ga*]nūr Sōran Mūkkan 249 punsey=
- ttenn-ellaiyē mērku nokki=chchenru Kāñaiy-Irukkai Karpakīrti=kkī]-ellaiyum Mi-250
- lagaņūr-pāl Mēr-Cheli mēl-ellaikkun=naduvāņa ellai-pparippēy vadakku nõkki=
- chchenru Milaganūr=Chundan=Ālvān puņšey=ttenn-ellaiyaiy=urru vadakk=innam [|*] i-252 ppu-
- nśey=ttenn-ellaikkuń=Karpakirti vadav-ellaikkun=naduvāga mērku nōk-253
- ki=chchenru Karpakīrti=ppuņšey=kkīļ-ellaiyaiy=urru vadakk=inņam [+*] i-ppuņše-
- ykkum Milaganūr-punšey-pparrukkun-naduvāna vēli-pparippē vadakku nōkki-255
- yum vada-mērku nokkiyuñ-chenru Karpakirti-kkīļ-āśarudiyum Milagaņūr Irāmaņ-Alaga-256
- n=uluda puņšey mēl-āšarudiy=ellaikkun=naduvāga vadakku nōkkiyum vada-mērku nōk-257
- kiyun-chengu Irunchigaiyil-ningum Milaganugku-ppogirga valiyaiy-udaguttu Milaganu-258
 - r-pār=Chirukilātti=tten-kadai-kkombaiy=urru i-kkuļa-kkarai-pparippēy vada-mē-
- 260 rku nokki-chchengu Karpakirti-kkulattu vada-karaiyaiy-ugu vadakk-innam [|*] i-

¹ The reading in A. S. S. I. is Kkāra,

^{*}Kavāyil is the reading in A. S. S. I:

ttu-ppurkaraiyê vada-mêrku nökki-chchenru Puvaninallûr punsey-tten-

p-äsarudiyum Karpakirti=kkaraikkun=naduväga=chChirukkilätti=kkulattukku nir päynda 262 kil-

Ninth Plate: Second Side.

- nőkki-chchengu Karpakirti-kkulattu-kkadai-kkombaiy-údaruttu 263 l-ūdē vada-mērku vadakk=inna-
- m [1*] Puvaninallür vayalukku-tterkil Valaiyan-üranikku-tterkil kalar-pparippai valattu vaittu mēr-
- ku nõkki-chchenru Sirukkilätti-kkulattukku nīr päynda Kanakaraikku vadakku-pPuvaninallür irukku-
- 266 m idaiyan=Irāšingakkon=uļuda puņšejy* lettenn-ellaiyēy vada-mērku nokki-chchenru
- rti-kkulattukku mēl-kadaiyāl nir pāygira kālaiy-urru 8 Mēl-ellaiy-i-kkālin kīl-karaiyēv
- dakku nõkki-chehenru Rajagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalattudan küttina Milaganür-[k*]ku=ttalaimāru kudutta
- 269 Pudukkulattu-kkil-ellai Karpakirti-kkulattukku nir päygira kälin kil-karaiyē vadakku nökki chchenru
- 270 i-mMilaganürku-ttalaimäru kudutta Märankirti-kkil-ellai Karpakirti-kkulattukku nir pāygira kāli-
- 271 n kīl-karaiyēy vadakku nökkiyum vada-kilakku nökkiyun-chenru i-kkālaiy-irandu kilakk=innam [f*] vadak-
- 272 ku nökki-chchenru Milaganür-kulattu mēl-kadaiyaiy-urru-kkilakk-innam [I*] i-kkulatts agavāvil-irangi vadak-
- 273 ku nökki-chchengu Milaganürku-ttalaimäru kudutta Kuvalaiveli-ppagrukku-kkil-ellaiyana Maraneri-
- 274 kkaraiyê vadakku nökki-chchenru Nerkunrattu-ttenn-ellaiyaiy-urru-kkilakk-innam [1*1] i-kKuva-
- 275 Jaivēli kkīl-ellaiyun=Nerkungattu mēl-ellaiyum-āna karai-pparippēy vada-mērku nökki=
- chchenru i-nNerkunrattu natta[i*]tu-ttenn-asarudiyaiy-urru-kkilakk-innam[i*] i-nnatta-[t*]tu=ttenn-āśaru-
- diyê vada-mêrku nökki=chehenru i-nNerkunrattu-kkulattu mêl-kadaiyaiy=urru i-kkulattu nir-nak-
- 278 kalē Kuvaļaivēli-kkīļ-āšarudiyē vadakku nōkki-chchenru Mēlšēri-kkaraiyaiy-urro Mělšěri-kkula-ppa-
- 279 rippē vadakku nokki-chchenru Kattikkuļattu-tten-kadaivil-ēri i-kkuļatt-agavāvil-īrangi Milaganürku=ttalaimāru ku-

Tenth Plate; First Side.

- dutta Kadambamangalattu='kukil-ellaiyê vadakku nökki-chehenru Perran-êmbarkaraiyaiy-urru-kkila-
- kk-innam [1*] vadakku nökki-chchengu Kattikkulattukku nir päygira kälaiy-üdaruttu Mālangudi-*kilavan Pullāni-
- 282 Mādēvan-āņa Nuļambādarāyar kāņiyāy=tTīrumālirunchēlaiy-Āļvār dēvadāņa iraiyiliy-Ächchankättiruk.3

- 283 kai-tTirumāliruncholainallūr-tten-ellaiye kiļakku nokki-chehengu i-tTirumāliruncholainal-
- 284 lür-ttenn-ellaiyir-tiruväli-kkallaiy-idattu vaittu-kkilakku nõkkiyun-ten-kilakku nõkkiyun-ten-kilakku
- 285 ru Tirumāliruncholainallūr-ten-kil-mūlaiyir-ttiruvāli-kkallaiy-urru ivv-Irājagambhīra-
- 286 dimangalattudan küttina Milaganür-kulattukku nir päygira kälin mel-karaiye vadakku nökki-chchengu
- 287 Tirumālirumcholainallūr kil-ellaiyir-tiruvāli-kkallaiy-urru i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē vadak-
- 288 ku nökki-chchengu i-tTirumälirunchölainallüri vada-kil-mülaiyir-tiruvüli-kkallaiyurru-kki-
- 289 lakk-innam [1*] Vägaikudi-ttenn-ellaiyun-Tirumälirunchölainallüri vadav-ellaiyum-äna i-mMilaga-
- 290 nűr-kulattukku nir päygira kälin ten-karaiyê mêrku nökkiyum vada-mêrku nökkiyunchenru i-tTirumā-
- 291 liruñeholainallür-kuļattukku nir pāygira kālaiy-ūdaruttu i-tTirumāliruñeholainallür vada-mē-
- 292 n-mülaiyir-tiruväli kkallaiy-urru Alagiyapändiyakkulakkil Sürakudiy-ana Virakamugamangalattu vadav-e-
- 293 llaiyum Vāgaikudi ttenn-ellaiyum-āna Milaganūrar -kālin ten-karaiyē vada-mērku nōkki-chehenru
- 294 Udaiyar Tiruppüvanam-udaiyar devadanam Alagiyapandiyakkulakkil Vellürkuruchchikkil-ellaiyum
- 295 Vägaikudi mēl-ellaiyum-āņa i-mMiļagaņūrag²-kāliņ mēl-karaiyē vadakku nökki-chcheņru

Tenth Plate ; Second Side.

- 296 i-kkālaiy-ūdaruttu-kKīraņūr-nāṭṭu Vidattal-āpa Mānābharaņa-chaturvvēdimangalattuttenn-ellaiyais
- 297 y-urru-kkilakk-innam (l*) i(vv-e)llaiyō kilakku nōkki-kkalar-parippē šenru Vāgaikudikkulattu vada-kadaiyaiy-ur-
- 298 ru-kkilakk-innam [f*] i-kkaraiyê Mjakku nökki-chchenru i-kkaraiyaiy-irangi Vāgaikudi vadav-ellaiyum Māpābharana-
- 299 chaturvvēdimangaļattu-ttenn-ellaiyum-āņa ellai-varambē kilakku nōkki-chchepgu Vāgaikudi Māṇābhara-
- 800 na-Išvaram-udaiyār köyilai valattu vaittu ellai-varambē kiļakku nökķi-chchenru Vāgaikudi-kkula-
- 301 ttil-ninguń-kilakku nōkki-ppōgira ellai-vä[y*]kkālaiy-ugru i-vvā[y*]kkālin vada-varambā kilakku nōkki-chche-
- 302 pru i-vvä[y*]kkālaiy-irandu Vāgarkudi-pparril Ariyā]-vayakkal vada-varambum Māņābharaņa-chaturvvēdimanga-
- 303 lattu=pparrana Uyyavandā]-vayakkal ten-varambum-āṇa varambē kiļakku nōkki-chchenru Nakkamangala-
- 304 ttu-kkulattukku nîr pâygira kālai[y=urru] i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē vadakku nōkkiyum vadamērku nōkkiyum va-

³ Rend "nallür.

^{*}Read "mirar.

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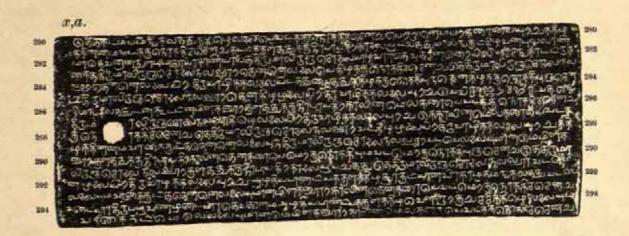
- da-kilakku nokkiyun-chenru Tuttiyur-kulattu mel-kadaiyaiy-aduttu i-kkalin 305 karaiyē vadakku
- ¹nōkkiyum vada-kilakku nōkkiyum vada-mērku nōkkiyuñ=chenru Tiruvāvaņattu Araimäkkürru=ttenn-e-
- llaiyum Māṇābhara[ṇa*]-chaturvvēdimangalattu vadav-ellaiyum-āṇa ellai-varambē mēṛku 307 nokki-chchenru Mā-
- nābharaṇa-chaturvvēdimangalattu=kkuļa-kkaraiyaiy=urru=kkiļakk=innam [|*] i-kkuļattu= 308 ppurkaraiyē vadakku nōkki=
- chchengu Araimākkūrgu=chChiggēmbag=karaiyaiy=uggu ivv-ēmbag=ten-karaiyē mēgku 309 nökki=chche-
- 310 nru Milaganur kulattukku nir pāygira kālaiy=ūdaruttu i-kkālin mēl-karaiyē vadakku nokkiyum vada-mer-

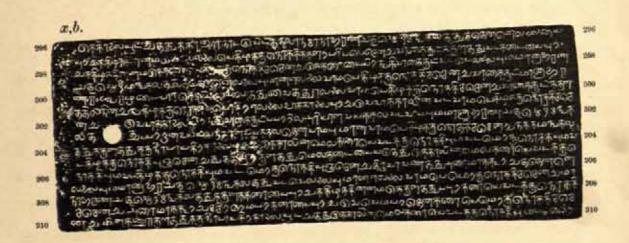
Eleventh Plate; First Side.

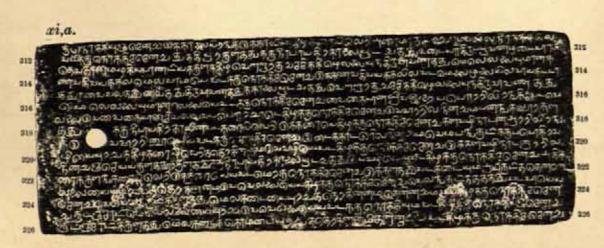
- 311 ku nōkkiyuñ=chenru i-kkālaiy=irangi i-kkālin kil-karaiyil=ēri Araimāk[kū]rru ēmbalil nīr-nakkalē
- vadakku nökki-chchenru Tuttiyür-kulattukku nir päygira kālaiy-ūdaruttu Udaiyār 312 Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyār
- 313 dēvadāņam=Aļagiyapāņdiyakkuļakkīļ Veļļūrkuruchchi=kkīļ-ellaiyun=Tiruvāvaņattu mēlellaiyum-ana Ka-
- 314 navadi-vayakkal mel-varambe vadakku nokki=chchenru i-kKanavadi-vayakkalil vadamēlai-mūlaiyil Vāykattā-
- 315 tturavai valattu vaittu Tiruvavaņattu=kkālaiy=ūḍaruttu Veļļūrkuruchchi=kkīļ-ellaiyun= Tiruvāvaņattu
- 316 mēl-ellaiyum-āņa ellaiyē vadakku nōkki-chchenru Vaigaiy-āņa Śrīvallabhappērārrilirangi ? Vadav-e-
- 317 llai i-Vaigaiy-āņa Šīvallavappērārr-ūdē kiļakku nokki=chchenru ivv-ārril-ningum Paṇangalūr-kuļa-
- 318 ttukku nī[r*] pāygira kāliņ vada karaiyil-ēri i kkaraiyē kilakku nōkki-chchenru Kalavalinādan-ārril=iran-
- 319 gi ivv-agrin-ūdēy vadakku nokki-chchengu Idaikkāttūril-ningum Vēmbangudikku-ppōgira va-
- 320 liyaiy=urru kîl-karaiyil=ēri=tterk=innam [|*] i-vvaliyē vada-kilakku nōkki=chchenru ikKaļavaļinādan-ārril-
- 321 ningnn-Cheyyakulattūr-kulattukku nīr pāygira kālaiy-ūdaruttu i-vvaliyēy vada-kilakku nōkki-chchenru Adika-
- 322 rai=kkuļań-karaiyil=ēri i-kkaraiyē vaḍa-mērku nōkki=chchenru i-kkuļattu vaḍa-kaḍaiyum Avkudi=ttenn-e-
- 323 llaiyaiyum=urru=tterk=innam [I*] ivv-ellaiyey kilakku nokki=chehenru Velangudi nattattu vadavāyēy
- śenru i-v[Vēlangudi]=kkulattu mēl-kadaiyaiy=urru=tterk=innam []*] ida-ninrum vada-kilakku nōkki=chchen-
- ru Kudanjādi mēl-ellaiyaiy=urru ivv-ellaiyēy vadakku nokkiyum vada-[kilakku] nok-[kiyuñ]=chenru
- 326 Kudanjadi=kkulattu mel-kadai-kkombaiy=urru=tterk=innam [i*] ida-nin[rum] vadakilakku nõkki-chchenru

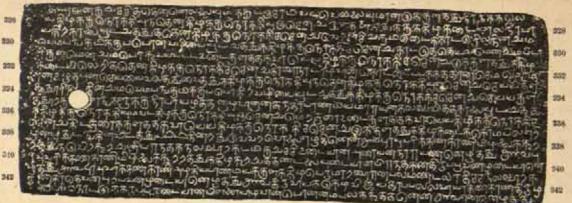
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TIRUPPUVANAM PLATES OF JATAVARMAN KULASEKHARA I. (IV).



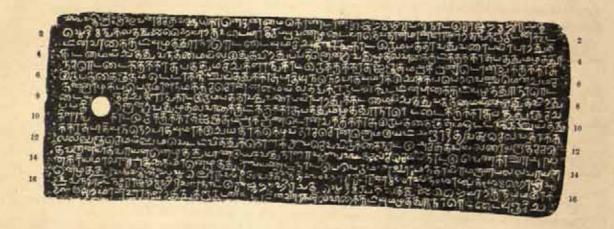




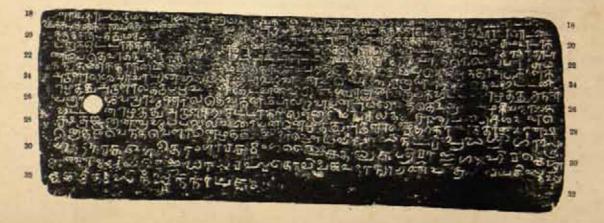


TIRUPPUVANAM SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE.

First Side



Second Side.



Eleventh Plate; Second Side.

- Sundankuruchchi=ttenn-ellaiyum=i-kKudanjādi vadav-ellaiyum-āna i-kkulattu nīr-nakkalā-
- 328 y kilakku nokkiyum ten-kilakku nokkiyun-chenru i-kkulattukku-kkil-kadaiyal nir pa-
- ygira kālaiy=ūdaruttu-tten-kilakku nokki=chehenru Vēļūr-Širukudi Idaikkāttūril=ninrum 329
- 330 Vēmbangudikku=ppona valiyaiy=ūdaruttu=kkilakku nokki=chchenru Kāttu-tteyvamenrum Pida-
- 331 rikulam-enrum për kuva[ppa]tta¹ Udaikulatt-agavayëy kilakku nökki-chchenru i-kkulattu-
- 332 kadaiyil=ēri=tten-kilakku nōkki=chchenru Kīraņūrnādālvānkōtrat-ppakkattāṇa Sem[be]rum-
- ān uļuda puņšeyyai valattu vaittu-kkilakku nõkkiyun-ten kilakku nõkkiyun-chengu Sevyakula-
- Vēmbangudikku-ppēgira valiyaiy=ūdaruttu-kkilakku nēkki=chehenru 334 ttāril-ningum Seyyakula-
- 335 ttür=kulangalukku nir päya Muttan=Älvän-äna Sundarapändiya-Märäyan kalluvitta kālaiy=ūdaruttu-
- 336 kkilakku nökkiyum vada-kilakku nökkiyun-chenru Mer-Churai Udaikulatt-agaväyey kijakku nôkki-ch-
- 337 chenru Kit-Chūrai=kkuļatt=agavāyēy kiļakku nōkki=chchenru i-kkuļattu=kki]-kadai-kkombil
- munbu tudanginav-idattu sppidi ninradu [[]*] Ivv-arav-ölai eludinēn *ivai Puravuvari-338 kkankāni Milalai-kkūr-
- rattu Naduvir-kurru ári-Parantakanallur-Kattikuruchchi-udaiyan Araiyan Narayananeluttu [*] Ivais Pu-
- ravuvari-kkankāni Miļalai-kkūrrattu-kKil-kūrru-tTandalaiy-udaiyān Pirāntakan Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyāņ=e-
- 341 luttu [1*] Ivai² Puravuvari-kkankāni Alagiyapāndiyakkulakkīl Perumāranūr-āna Palamandaladichchanallur=Ka-
- 342 runākaradēvan Purpavanam-udaiyān=eļuttu [*] Ivai* Tiruvāykkēļvi Jayadara-pPallavarayar kankani Tiramu-
- 343 naippādi-nāṭṭu Karuppūr-udaiyān Pillaiy-Āļvān Ponnambalakkūttanēn ivai* enn=eluttu Desir (Melecular Land TRANSLATION.

(Verse I)-Hail! Prosperity! There was at first this water. In its centre (lit. inside), there lay, on the screent (Sesha)-couch, Hari. From his navel came forth a lotus; and from it, by himself, the creator of the universe (Visyasrit) came; from him Atri; and from the cavity of his eyes, the Moon; his son was Budha; from him was born Pururavas; and thence came these

(Verse 2) -Hail ! Prosperity ! Having ascertained the (proper) time from Sundaresa, (king) Rajagambhiradeva, in the twenty-fifth year of his reign, on the day of Svati combined with Saturday (Arkki-vāra) in the dark fortnight, and on the tithi of Kanakapati (i.e., čkādaši), when the hot-rayed (Sun) was in the sign Dhanus, ordered to conduct immediately the female elephant to fix the boundaries of the village called after his own name.

(Line 5) The goddess of the flower (i.e., Lakshmi) lovingly taking her seat and the goddess of the earth lawfully uniting with bim; the goddess of war resting on his victorious shoulders; the goddess of the great arts shining on his tongue; the moon-light of his fame shedding its lustre in the

The letters ppg look like ya.

^{*} The syllables ired are written as a group,

Read r-Katti.

twice-four quarters; the path of the Vēdas (marai) expanding; the path of Manu clarifying the six righteous doctrinal ways and spreading out; the fish (emblem of the Pāṇḍyas) securely seated on the golden mountain, driving off the forest tiger (emblem of the Chēra); the white parasol (of his) affording shade to the seven seas and the seven sporting gardens surrounded by the eight hills; his righteous sceptre swaying; the fierce Kali (age) concealing itself with tremour in long caverns; the Villavar (i.e., the Chēra), Sembiyar (i.e., the Chōla), Virāṭar, Varāṭar and the Pallavar, paying due obeisance in regular succession with (their) tributes; his single wheel rising aloft over the two globes; the sweet and nector-like iyal, iśai and nāṭakam (i.e., prose, poetry and drama) steadily increasing; wearing the crown and sitting on the mountain-like high lion throne,—his eulogy being sung by able masters of arts,—along with his queen Avanimulududaiyāl, who resembled the swan in gentle gait and who was praised and bowed to by queens of kings; the glorious king Jaṭāvarman alias the Emperor of the three worlds, the illustrious Kulaśēkharadēva reigned.

Whereas, while the king was pleased to be seated on the reclining couch called Malavarājan in the hall of his palace at Madurai situated in (the sub-division) Māḍakkulakkīl of Madu;
rōdaya-valanāḍu, he had ordered that a village consisting of one thousand and two hundred
shares should be formed and given as brahmadēya, with effect from the eleventh year opposite the
thirteenth,—one thousand and eighty shares to one thousand and eighty Brāhmanas learned in
the Vēdas and Sāstras and capable of expounding them, and one hundred and twenty shares as
dēvadāna and for those who had to do service;

(Ll. 69-72) and whereas the village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, called (as such) after the sacred name of the king and included in Rājagambhīra-vaļanādu, was formed in pursuance of this said order by taking up the undermentioned villages, excluding from them the lands which formed old dēvadānas, pallichchandam and kārānmai, and including the rest,—and removing their previous owners, old names and the classification under vellān-vagai, as well as the prior holdings,— and bringing them all under one village with one puravu and one nādu.

(Ll. 72-74) and whereas the king had been pleased to say that the four boundaries of this (new) village may be circumambulated with the female elephant in the presence of the superintendents appointed for the purpose, and, for the boundaries thus passed through, a deed may be drawn up and given.

the following is recorded on the thirteenth year and four thousand and three hundred and sixtieth day.

(Ll. 19 to 69) The villages and lands taken up are :-

(1) In Kīraņūr-nādu,—the villages of Nakkamangalam and Vāgaikudi, (the latter) a dēvadāna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār; (2) including the above (two villages), the villages of Tiruvāvaņam, Tuttiyūr, and Kirungākköttai (with its lands called) Kāduvetti, Muttam, Korraņēri, Tadaiyili-Tiyāgi-ēmbal, Vellattaivenrān-ēmbal, Pagavadi-ēmbal, Naduvirköttai and Kādan-Etti-kuruchehi; (3) in Panangalūr-nādu,—the villages of Adikarai, Mittiravāli, Vēlangulam with its land Omalagiyān-ēmbal, Sōlaiyēri, Kudanjādi, Aruvarai-Pudukkuļam, Kīt-Chūrai, Mēr-Chūrai, Pidārikuļam, Panangalūr alias Panditapanjaranallūr, Seyyakulattūr with its land Singanēriyudaiyān-kānipparru, Vanjiyūr, Karkuruchehi, Ariyānkuruchehi, Āraikkuļam with its lands Arugašādi, Vīragangappērayan-ēmbal, Vīrapāndiyappērayan-ēmbal, Moliyan-ēmbal, Ambalakkūttan-ēmbal, Sittan-ēmbal and Pannīrāyirappērayan-ēmbal, Uvaniyamangalam and its land Pudaichehānkuliy-ēmbal; (4) in Tīyandaikudi-nādu,—the villages of Ugaray and Kōttai with the lands Sivigaiyānkuli and Udumbandai, Ulagarani, Karaiyūr, Kunnēli, Mattadakkiyēri with its lands Sangappērayan-ēmbal, Puttēmbal, Kalaiyanēri, Senkuli and Orukkorranēri, Kalvā-yilmangalam, Pullanēri, Sēndanēri, Nakkanēri, Pārkuļam with its land Uyyān-Sūriyan-ēmbal,

(Ll. 74-139) The puravucari-kankāmi officers Araiyan Nārāyanan of Kattikurushehi residing in Srī-Parāntakanallūr in Naduvir-kūrru (a sub-division) of Miļalai-kūrram, Parāntakan Tiruppūvaņamudaiyān of Tandalai in Kīļ-kūrru (a sub-division) of Miļalai-kūrram, Māranūrudaiyān Karupākaradēvan Purpavaņamudaiyān of Māranūr alias Palamandalādittanallūr in Aļagiyapāndiyakkalakkil, Piļļai Āļvān alias Ponnambalakkūttan of Karuppūr in Tirumunaippādi nādu (a sub-division) of Sōļamandalam, who was the kankāni of the tirucānkkāļoi Ponnam Sūryadēvan alias Jayadhara-Pallavaraiyar of Puttūr in Purapparaļai-nādu, Vēļān Sāttan of Kīļ-Nettūr alias Kīrti-Jayadhara-Pallavaraiyar of Puttūr in Purapparaļai-nādu, Vēļān Sāttan of Kīļ-Nettūr alias Kīrti-višālaiyanallūr in Karungudi-nādu who was the kankāni of Poyyāmoļidēvar, Nārāyanan Sāttan of Veliyārrūr in Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu who was the kankāni of the smudānam Kappalūrudaiyān of Veliyārrūr in Kēraļašinga-vaļanādu who was the kankāni of Kappalūr alias Ulagaļandašoļanallūr in Srīrāman Tīruvudaiyān alias Pottappiehehōļar of Kappalūr alias Ulagaļandašoļanallūr in

Muttürru-kürram, Arayan Tirumalai-udaiyan of Arunkalam in Poliyür-nadu who was the kankani of the māligaittaņam Šīvallavan Aļagivamaņavāļan alias Kālingarāyar of Āykkudi alias Aļagiyapāņdiyanallūr in Vadatalai-Šembi-nādu, Arayan Karumāņikkam of Kīṭ-Paśalai alias Dānavinōdanalfür in Tiyandaikudi-nadu who was the kunkani of Malavarayar, Kappalürudaiyan Uyyavandāņ Ponnan alias Māṇābharaṇa-Mūvēndavēļār of Kappalūr alias Ulagaļandašōļanallūr in Muttürru-kürram who was the adigaram of Pillaiyar Alagapperumāl, Udaiyan Nambi Ponnambalakkūttan alias Vīrašingadēvar of Sirupālaiyūr alias Kāvērivallavanallūr in Solapāndiya-vaļanādu, Malaikiniyaninran Alagan alias Vijaya-Vichehadiradavar who was one of the anukkar of Alagiyapandiyan of Rajandiram in Irasingankulakkil that was in charge of the business of this (i.e., the said) nadu, all these being the kankani, the undermentioned persons of Manaviramadurai in Tiyandaikudi-nādu, vie., Mādavan Divākara-Battan, Nārāyanan Nārāyana-Battan, Šī(árī)-Mādavan Nārasimha-Bhattan, Gövindan Tirumlakanta-Battan and Jūtavēdan Subrahmanya-Bhattan; together with the following others of Marudur alias Madurodaya-chaturvedimnagalam who were concerned in the formation of the brahmadēya, viz., Tirukkudandai Ādityan Sēndapirān-Battan. śri-Krishnan Alagiyaraghava-Bhattan and Kaliyayan Vennaikkūtta-Bhattan; as also the undermentioned residents of Mer-Pasalai alias Śrīvallabha-chaturvēdimangalam, viz., Āhitāgni Śrīranganātha-Bhatta-Soma-Kāthaka-yājiyār, Nārāyaņan Nārāyaņa-Bhattan, šrī-Vāsudēvan Nagnapirān-Bhattan and śri-Rāman Paramātma-Bhattan; as well as the residents of Kit-Paśalai alias Dāņaviņodanallūr, viz., Arayan Uyyaningāduvān alias Sembiyadaraiyan Kēšavan Nārāyanan. Karumanikkam Korran, Kalvayil Kesavan, Periyan Perran, Nangan Alagan and Vasudevan Sūriyadevan; the following residents of Poliyūr alias Pārthivakēsarinallūr in Poliyūr-nādu, viz., Appan Süriyadevan, Udayan Varagunadevan alias Alagiyapandiya Vilupparaiyan, Süriyan Varantaruvān alias Sangirāmasinga-Pallavaraiyan and Sundarattoludaiyān Somadovan; the undermentioned residents of Kallikkudi alias Puravuvarinallūr in Purapparaļai-nādu, ciz., Dayānilai Uyyavandan alias Chedirayan, Anukkan Ariyan and Appan Arumolidevan alias Sembiyan-Vilupparaiyan and the headman of Puttür named Battan alias Purapparalainādu-kilavan; also Paliyanilai Süriyadavan alias Taminadu-kilavan of Irunchirai alias Indirasamananallur in Kanai-Irukkai and Vēļān Irattai alias Rājakunjara-Pallavaraiyan; also the persons hereunder mentioned who belonged to Milaganur, to wit, Sadiran Selvan, Raman Alagan, Soran Mükkan, Nagadevan Rāman alias Rājanārāyana-Mūvēndavējān and Arašariyān, who were concerned in effecting the entry in accounts under the name of Achehankāṭṭirukkai-Milaganūr alias Rājēndrašinganallūr, after removing the previous owners, old names and prior holdings (mudal) and bringing also under one nadu, one village and one puravu the undermentioned villages and lands, viz., Achehankattirukkai-Kuvaļaivēli, Pudukkuļam, Māraņkīrti, Kāvidinallūr, Kadambamangalam, Sāttiyār-ēmbal and the lands that remained in Araiyarkulam of Kanii-Irukkai after deducting from it the portion (sempadi) which formed the kani of Mandari Raman alias Pallavarayar and which had been given in exchange for (the old) Milaganur that had been added to Rajagambhira-chaturvedimangalam; Araiyan Pullāņi of Achehankāţţirukkai-Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr a dēvadāna of Tirumāliruñjōlai-Alvär that had the känipparru of Pulläni Mädevan alias Nulambadarayar the headman of Malangudi in Kil-Sembi-nadu; also the undermentioned persons of Sirukulattūr alias Parakramapāndiyanallūr in Aļagīyapāndiyakkuļakkīļ, vic., Šāttan Kaņavadi, Sundarattöļudaiyān Dēvan. Sattan Kandan alias Tirumālirunjolai Dāsan, Vēļān Sundarattoļudaiyan, Sīvallavan Pērāyiramudaiyan alias Maranurnattu Velan and Devan Sivallavan Arattamikki Dasan; also Udayadivākaran šrī-Kārimāra-Bhattan of Iļavimangalam, the resident of Sūrakudi alias Vīrakāmugamangalam, and Narayanan Subrahmanya-Bhattan of this (some) kudi; also the undermentioned persons of Vidattal alias Māṇābharaṇa-chaturvēdimangalam in Kiraṇūr-nādu, viz , Uyyaninrādi Periyāļvāņ, Sendapirān Karumāmugil-Bhaṭṭaṇ, Gēvindan Māṇēndukaiyyan and Ādityan BhāskaraBhattan: also the undermentioned persons of Vellürkuruchchi in Alagiyapändiyakkulakkil, viz., Vēlān Kövan, Ādi Perrān, Vēlān Alagan alias Sundarapāndiya-Mūvēndavēlān and Vēlān Sīrilankō; (inclusive of the last mentioned four) the following (three) persons, viz., Ālvān Upādhyāyar of Marudūr in Tiruvāvaņam, Karumānikkam Ulagamundān-Bhattan of Perumpuliyūr and Mayūravāhanan Āduvān-Bhattan of Marudūr who were concerned in the formation of the brahmadēya; (also the undermentioned persons) of Vēļūr alias Alagiyapāndiyanallūr in Kīraņūr-nādu, viz., Rāman Uyyavandān, Perrān Pāttan, Dēvan Nambi and Sōran Nūttān; all these pointing out their respective boundaries, the following persons of Tiruppūvaṇam in Irāšingankulakkil, viz., Ānaitanam Pamman Adiyārkkunalla-Perumān alias Pallavadaraiyan, meyppu Malaiyan Sōran alias Vinjattaraiyan, Dēvan Tillai alias Madurōdaya-Pallavaraiyan, Sīkayilāya-Bhattan alias Sīvallava-Pallavaraiyan, Kaṇavadi Sīrāman alias Sundarapāndiya-Pallavaraiyan, Eran Periyān alias Pāṇdiyan-Pallavaraiyan and Pōrru Aravamudaiyān Villi alias Mudittalaikonda-Pallavaraiyan, conducting the female elephant, the folowing is the document of the boundaries drawn up exactly as the elephant passed:—

(I.I. 139-195) The eastern boundary (as it came to be determined) on the day of Svātī corresponding to Saturday and the eleventh tithi of the second fortnight and the fourth (solar) day of the month of Dhanus in the twelfth year opposite the thirteenth of (the king's) reign, lies to the west of the line commencing from the eastern extremity of Udaikulam, also called Kit-Churai, which lies to the north-east of this village (of Rajagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam), passes southwards and crosses the road going to Kadambańgudi from Seyyakulattür, runs in a south-easterly direction, then southwards and then in south-easterly direction and crosses the road leading to Vēmbangudi from Manaviramadurai, and then passes eastwards and crosses the high road leading to Művaraiyarkőttai from Seyyakulattűr, and then keeping to the right (the pit called) Pudaichchankuli, passes south-east along the vettipperuvali (the big path of the rettis) which meets the said road (at the said pit) and crosses the road leading to Manaviramadurai from Müvaraiyarköttai; further, proceeding from this road in a south-easterly direction and crossing the high road which runs westwards, and then going in a south-easterly direction crossing the road leading to Manavīramadurai from Pidāvūr and then passing in a south-easterly direction and reaching the eastern extremity of the tank of Karaiyūr and from its bank passing in a south-easterly direction, it lies to the west. And crossing the channel which carries water to the tank at Kunneli, it lies to the west. Proceeding from the channel in a south-easterly direction on the eastern boundary of Sangappërayan-ëmbal, then going southwards and then in a south-westerly direction and crossing the road leading from Nettur to Manaviramadurai and then going southwards along the nirnakkal of the tank at Chandranallur and reaching the southern extremity of Chandranallur, it lies to the west. Further, proceeding from here in a south-westerly direction along the way leading to Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappērāru, it lies to the west. Then going southwards from this way along the severs on the eastern boundary of Schkuli, then proceeding westwards on the southern boundary of the said Senkuli and afterwards going southwards along Karkulam which forms the eastern boundary of Orukkorraperi, it lies to the west. Then proceeding in a south-westerly direction on the southern boundary of the said Orukkorranëri and getting into the Vaigai alias Srivallabhappērāgu it lies to the west. Then going along this Srīvallabhappērāgu (first) in a northwesterly direction and then in a westerly direction, it lies to the west. Then getting up the southern bank of this river and proceeding in a southerly direction and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of Kit-Pasahii alias Danavinodanallur and the tank of Mer-Pasahii alias Śrivallabha-chaturvēdinangalam and getting up the bank of this channel and proceeding southwards along the ridge of the half veli and two ma of land in Arasipparra and going up the northern extremity of the tank of Manaviramadural, it lies to the west. Then, proceeding

westwards on this bank and then going southwards on the eastern boundary of the three cells of land, as measured by the pottakkol,-which had been added to Rajagambhira-chaturvedimangalam out of the lands that were being cultivated as pattom on the eastern side of the channel which carries water to the tank at Marudur and which lay within the abovesaid tank of Manaviramadurai, -and getting up the south bank of this tank and (then) reaching the channel which carries water to the tank at Marudur, it lies to the west. Further, proceeding along the east bank of this channel in a south-easterly direction and then in southerly direction and reaching the old excavation in the south extremity of the kudiyiruppu of Vanagangappāraiyan, it lies to the west. Proceeding again eastwards along this excavation, and going on the ridge (first) in an easterly direction and then in a north-easterly direction along the southern ridge of the field in the south extremity of Manaviramadurai in the agardy of the old tank of Marudur, and getting up the eastern extremity of the said old tank of Marudur, it lies to the west. Then, proceeding westwards along this bank, and then going southwards along (the channel called) Divakaravaykkal which forms the eastern boundary of Marudur and the western boundary of Manaviramadural, till where this channel ends, then passing by this western ridge of (the land called) Divakaravayakkal, and then proceeding castwards along the southern ridge of the field and then passing south along the servai which has the western ridge of Sundaravayakkal and then going along the line which forms the northern boundary of Sankaramangalam and the southern boundary of Manaviramadurai, (first) in an easterly direction and then in a north-easterly direction and getting up the northern extremity of Sankaramangalam and reaching the channel which carries water to the tank of Mer-Pasalai alias Srivallabha-chaturvadimangalam and to the tank of Kit-Pasalai alias Dāṇavinōdanallūr, it lies to the west. Then, proceeding ins south-easterly direction on the western bank of this channel, and crossing the (other) channel which, branching off from this channel, carries water to the tank of Mer-Pasalai alias Srivallabhachaturvedimangalam, and then going (successively) in south-easterly, easterly and southerly directions on the western bank of the channel which carries water to the tank of Kit-Pasalai alias Danavinodanallur and reaching the western embankment of the tank of the said Danavinodanallur, and then getting down the grassy bank of that tank and proceeding southwards on the eastern bank of the channel which earries water to the tank of Mer-Pasalai alias Srivallabhachaturvedimangalam and reaching the northern extremity of the tank of the said Srivallabhachaturvedimangalam, then proceeding (successively) in south and south-east directions along the Idukkāru (flowing) from the marucay of this tank, and reaching the path leading to the nattam of Nelveli, it lies to the west. Then, getting up at the eastern extremity of the tank of the said-Nelvēli and reaching (the channel called) Paralaikkāl, and proceeding southwards on the western bank of that channel and crossing the path leading west from Nakkanëri, (it lies to the west).

(LI. 195-267) The southern boundary: Going westwards along the road forming the southern boundary of Nelveli and the northern entrance to the nation of Ettiyeri and reaching the western end of the said nation of Ettiyeri and Nelveli, thence proceeding westwards and reaching the old templesite in the middle of this Ettiyeri and Nelveli, then going south west and crossing (the river) Paralaiyaru, it lies to the north. Proceeding (successively) in south and south-west directions on the western bank of this river, and then crossing the channel which earries water to the tank of Nirambaiyūr and (also) forms the eastern boundary of Sōmāttūr, and proceeding southwards on the western bank of this channel and reaching the middle boundary between Sōmāttūr and Sīruvāgai in the vicinity of Kallikkudi, it lies to the north. Further, passing west and south-west along the nidge which commences at the middle of this boundary, and getting into the tank at Sīruvāgai at the north end of it, then passing on the southern boundary, of Aravankudi and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of Kallikkudi, then going westwards and then in a south-westerly

direction along the road leading to Vēļāņēri from Aravankudi and reaching the eastern boundary of Vējāņēri, it lies to the north. Again proceeding in a north-easterly direction along the eastern bank of the channel, which runs along the said village of Velageri and carries water to Puttur, and crossing this channel and getting up the western bank, it lies to the north. Further, going westwards along the boundary which forms the northern boundary of Vělaneri and the southern boundary of Karuńkulam, and then going westwards along the north bank of Śurrivaśakkal-ūrani of Velaneri, it lies to the north. Then going along the ridge in the middle of the boundary and proceeding north along the eastern ridge of Adichehavasakkal of Veläneri, and then going north along the northern ridge of this land, it lies to the north. Further, going north on the eastern ridge of Karundadi of Vejānēri, and then westwards on the ridge which is to the north of this land and the narrankal of Adichehavasakkal and of Perranvasakkal and reaching the eastern ridge of Dayanīti-vayakkal in Sēņēri which adjoins Kaļlikkudi, it lies to the north. Again, proceeding northwards on this ridge and reaching the ellai-väykkäl (i.e., the boundary channel), and then going (successively) in north, north-west and north directions along the said channel, and afterwards going in a westerly direction on the northern ridge of Mālār-mukkāņi of Šēņēri, and then again going in a north-western direction on the eastern ridge of Somidevi-vayakkal belonging to Davaniti Ariyan alias Arundavan-Vilupparaiyan, then going northwards along the eastern ridge of the land of Dayaniti Manaviran consisting of several tadis (in extent), and then proceeding northwards on the eastern ridge of the vagakkal of Uyyakkondal and then westwards of the northern ridge of this field and reaching the northern bank of the tank of Seperi, it lies to the north. Then going in a north-westerly direction along the grassy bank of this tank and reaching the big road leading to Davakottai from Kannanur, and going westwards along this big road, it lies to the north. Then, leaving to the left the tamarind tree standing at the northern entrance of Püdanēri-nattam, and passing westwards and getting into the tank called Tadappiral at its southern extremity, it lies to the north. Then passing in a north-westerly direction in the mir-nakkal of this tank, and then going in a north-westerly direction in the nir-nakkal of (the tank called) Känchirańkulam and reaching the northern extremity of this tank, and then passing westwards on the south bank of the channel which carries water to this tank and getting up the (bank of the tank called) Pullapërikulam at its southern end, it lies to the north. Then going northwards in the nirnakkal of this tank and reaching the northern extremity of this tank, then going westwards on the south bank of the channel which carries water to this tank and reaching the big road leading to Kannanur, it lies to the north. Then going northwards along this road, and then going westwards of the severi having the northern ridge of Muttaraiyan-karunchey of Kannanur-Pidari-eri which forms the northern boundary of Kannanur and the southern boundary of Narimannan and reaching the kulapparippu of Madalaikuruchchi, and going northwards within this tank to the extent of ten köl, it lies to the north. Proceeding westwards along this tank and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank at Kannanür and passing northwards, leaving to the right the tamarind tree standing to the east of Kanavaru which flows northwards, and going westwards and getting up the bank of (the tank called) Udaikulam in Kit-Seli, and going northwards on this bank and reaching the southern boundary of Minneri, it lies to the north. Further, going westwards along the channel which had been dug to carry water to the tank at Kir-Seli and which forms the northern boundary of the said tank of Kit-Seli and the southern boundary of this Minneri, then getting into the channel and getting up at the breach (known as) Malaiyanudaippu, proceeding then on the bund of this tank and getting down the agreedy of this tank, then going (successively) in southerly and south-westerly directions on the eastern boundary of the dry land belonging to Milaganur and reaching the road leading to Kottakigti in Kanai-Irukkai from Milaganur, it lies to the north. Then going north-west along the channel which carries water to the tank of

Kadambangudi, which channel formed the northern boundary of the said Kottakirti and passed in the middle of the northern boundary of Vēļānēri in Kāñai-Irukkai and the southern boundary of Milaganur, then getting into this (i.e., the said) channel and going north to the karai-parippu. which is at the southern extremity of Mer-Seli and forms the northern boundary of the dry land attached to Vělápěri, then going in a north-westerly direction, and then again in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of the dry land belonging to Soran Mükkan of Milaganür, then going in a northerly direction along the ellai-parippu in the middle of the eastern boundary of Karpakirti in Kānai-Irukkai and the western boundary of Mār-Seli adjoining Milaganur and reaching the southern boundary of the dry land of Sundan-Alvan of Milaganur, it lies to the north. Further, going in a westerly direction midway between the southern boundary of this dry land and the northern boundary of Karpakirti and reaching the eastern boundary of the dry land of Karpakirti, it lies to the north. Then going (first) in a northerly direction and then in northwesterly direction, along the veli-pparippu in the middle of this dry land and the dry lands belonging to Milaganur, and afterwards going in north and north-westerly directions midway between the eastern limit of Kagpakirti and the boundary at the western limit of the dry land that was being cultivated by Raman Alagan of Milaganur, and then crossing the road leading to Milaganur from Irunehirai and reaching the end of the southern extremity of Sirukilatti adjoining Milaganur, and going in a north-westerly direction along the karai-parippu of this tank and reaching the northern bank of the tank of Karpakirti, it lies to the north. Then going north-west along the grassy bank of this tank and then in a north-westerly direction along the channel, which carries water to the tank of Sirukijatti and passes midway between the southern limit of the dry lands of Puvaninallur and the bank of Karpakirti, and crossing the kadai-kombu of the tank of Karpakirti, it lies to the north. Then, leaving to the right the kalar-parippu, which lies to the south of Valaiyan-ūraņi (and also) to the south of the fields of Puvaṇinallūr, and going in a westerly direction, and then again in a north-westerly direction along the southern boundary of the dry lands cultivated by the shepherd Irasinga-kop, the resident of Puvaninallur, which lands are situated to the north of Kanakarai which carries water to the tank of Sigukilatti and reaching the channel which carries water at the western end of the tank of Karpakirti, (it lies to the west).

(Id. 267-316) The western boundary: Proceeding northwards along the eastern bank of this tank, and then going northwards along the eastern bank of the channel, which carried water to the tank of Karpakirti and formed the eastern boundary of Pudukkulam, that was given in exchange for Milaganur which was included in Rajagambhira-chaturvedimangalam, then going in northerly and north-easterly directions along the eastern bank of the channel, which carried water to the tank of Karpakirti and formed the eastern boundary of Marankirti which was also given in exchange for the said Milaganur, and then passing this channel, it lies to the east. Further, proceeding northwards and reaching the western end of the tank of Milaganur, it lies to the cast. Then getting into the agavay of this tank and going northwards, then again going north along the bank of (the tank called) Minneri which forms the eastern boundary of Kuvalaivelipparru given in exchange for Milaganur and reaching the southern boundary of Nerkunram, it lies to the east. Then going in a north-westerly direction along the karai-parippu, which forms the eastern boundary of this Kuvalaiveli and the western boundary of Nerkupram, and reaching the southern end of the nattam of this Nerkungam, it lies to the east. Then going in a north-westerly-direction along the southern diarudi of this nation and reaching the western extremity of the tank of the said Nerkunram, then going northwards along the eastern end of Kuvajaivēli through the nir-nakkal of this tank and reaching the bank of Mělšěri, then going northwards along the kulapparippu of Mělšěri and getting up at the southern end of Kattikulam and descending into the agardy of this tank and then going northwards on the eastern boundary of Kadambamangalam which was given in

exchange for Milaganur and reaching the bank of Perran-embal, it lies to the east. Then going northwards and crossing the channel which carries water to Kattikulam, and going eastwards along the southern boundary of Tirumāliruñjōlai in Achchankāṭṭirukkai which is a tax-free dēvadāna of Tirumāliruñjōlai-Āļvār and the holding (kāṇi) of Pullāṇi Mādēvaņ alias Nuļambādarāyar, the headman of Malangudi, and then leaving to the left the tiruvalikkal (i.e., disc-bearing stone) planted on the southern boundary of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr and going in east and south-east directions and reaching the tiruvālikkal planted at the south-east corner of Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, and then going northwards on the western bank of the channel which carries water to the tank at Miļagaņūr which was added to Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam and reaching the tiruvāļikkal planted on the eastern boundary of Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, and then going northwards on the western bank of this channel and reaching the tiruvālikkal planted at the north-eastern corner of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, it lies to the east. Then going in westerly and north-westerly directions on the south bank of the channel, which carries water to the tank of this Milaganur and forms the southern boundary of Vāgaikudi and the northern boundary of Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr and reaching the tiruvāļikkal planted at the north-west corner of this Tirumāliruñjōlainallūr, and then going north-west along the south bank of the channel of Milaganur, which forms the northern boundary of Širukudi alias Vīrakāmugamangalam in Alagiyapāndiyakkuļakkīļ and the southern boundary of Vagaikudi, and then going northwards on the west bank of the channel of Milaganur which forms the eastern boundary of Vellurkuruchchi in Alagiyapandiyakkulakkil, the dēvadāna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār and the western boundary of Vāgaikudi, and crossing this channel and reaching the southern boundary of Vidattal alias Manabharanachaturvēdimangalam in Kīraņūr-nādu, it lies to the east. Then going eastwards on this boundary along the kalar-parippu and reaching the northern extremity of the tank of Vagaikudi, it lies to the east. Then going eastwards along this bank and descending this bank and going eastwards on the boundary ridge, which forms the northern boundary of Vagaikudi and the southern boundary of Māṇābharaṇa-chaturvēdimangalam, and leaving to the right the temple of Māṇābharaṇa-Iśvaramuḍaiyār at Vāgaikuḍi and going eastwards on the boundary ridge and reaching the boundary channel flowing eastwards from the tank at Vagaikudi, then going eastwards along the northern ridge of this channel, and passing this channel and going eastwards on the ridge, which is to the north of Ariyal-vayakkal in Vagaikudi-parru and to the south of Uyyavandāļ-vayakkal in Māṇābharṇa-chaturvēdimangalapparru, and reaching the channel which carries water to the tank of Nakkamangalam, and then going (successively) in north, northwest and north-east directions on the western bank of this channel and approaching the western extremity of the tank of Tuttiyur and going on the western bank of this channel (successively) in north, north-east and north-west directions, and then going westwards on the boundary ridge, which forms the southern boundary of the land called Araimākkūrru in Tiruvāvaņam and the northern boundary of Manabharana-chaturvedimangalam, and reaching the bank of the tank of Māṇābharaṇa-chaturvēdimangalam, it lies to the east. Then going northwards along the grassy bank of this tank and reaching the bank of Sirrembal of Araimakkurru, then going westwards on the southern bank of this embal and crossing the channel which carries water to the tank of Milaganur, and going (successively) in north and north-west directions on the western bank of this channel and getting into this channel and then getting up the eastern bank of this channel and then going northwards along the nīr-nakkal in the ēmbal of Araimākkūrru and crossing the channel which was carrying water to the tank of Tuttiyur, and going northwards on the western ridge of Kaņavadi-vayakkal, which forms the eastern boundary of Vellurkuruchchi in Alagiyapandiyakkuļakkīļ, a dēvadāna of Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņamudaiyār, and the western boundary of Tiruvāvanam, and leaving to the right Väykattätturavu in the north-western corner of this Kanavadivavakkal and crossing the channel of Tiruvavanam, and going northwards on the boundary, which is to the east of Vellürkuruchchi and to the west of Tiruvavanam, and descending

into the Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappērāru, (it lies to the east).

(Ll. 317-338) The northern boundary; Going eastwards along this Vaigai alias Śrīvallabhappëraru and getting up the northern bank of the channel carrying water to the tank of Panangalūr, then going eastwards along this bank and descending into (the river called) Kalavalinādan-āru and going northwards along this river and reaching the road leading to Vēmbangudi from Idaikkāttūr and getting up the eastern bank, it lies to the south. Then going in a northeasterly direction along this road and crossing the channel which carries water from this Kalavalinādan-āru to the tank of Seyyakuļattūr, then going in a north-easterly direction along this road and getting up the bank of the tank of Adikarai, and then going in a north-westerly direction along this bank and reaching what forms the northern extremity of this tank and the southern boundary of Aykudi, it lies to the south. Then going eastwards along this boundary and reaching the northern entrance of the nattam of Vēlangudi and further on reaching the western extremity of the tank of this Vēlangudi, it lies to the south. Going from this in a north-easterly direction and reaching the western boundary of Kuḍañjāḍi, and then going in north and north-easterly directions along this boundary and reaching the kombu on the western extremity of the tank of Kudanjādi, it lies to the south. Going from this in a north-easterly direction and then in east and south-east directions on the nir-nakkal of the tank which forms the southern boundary of Sundankuruchchi and the northern boundary of this Kudanjadi, and crossing the channel which flows from the eastern extremity of this tank, and then going in a south-easterly direction and crossing the big road leading from Idaikkāṭṭūr of Vēļūr-Sirukudi to Vēmbangudi and then going eastwards, then going again eastwards on the agavay of Udaikulam, which is called by the names Kāttutteyvam and Piḍārikuļam, and getting up the eastern extremity of this tank and going south-east, and then leaving to the right the dry lands ploughed by Semberuman, a neighbouring resident of Kīranūrnādāļvānkōttai, and going in east and south directions and crossing the road leading from Seyyakulattur to Vembangudi, then going eastwards and crossing the channel that was caused to be dug by Muttan Alvan alias Sundarapandiya-Marayan for feeding the tanks of Sevyakulattur, then going east and north-east, and (afterwards) passing eastwards along the agavay of the Udaikulam of Mer-Churai and then going eastwards along the agavay of the tank of Kit-Churai and getting up the eastern extremity of this tank, the she-elephant stopped (having come to the place) where she originally started.

(Ll. 338-9) I wrote this charitable edict: this is the signature of puravuvari-kankāni Araivan Nārāyanan of Kattikuruchchi, (a resident) of the glorious Parantakanallur in Naduvir-

kūrru, (a sub-division) of Milalai-kūrram.

(L. 340) This is the signature of the puravuvari-kankāni Parantakan Tiruppūvanamudaivan of Tandalai in Kīl-kūrru, (a sub-diension) of Mılalai-kūrram.

(L. 341) This is the signature of puravuvari-kankāni Karunākaradēvan Purpavanamudai-

yan of Perumaranur alias Palamandaladichchanallur in Alagiyapandiyakkulakkil.

(L. 342) This is the signature of Pillai Alvan Ponnambalakkuttan of Karuppur in Tirumunaippādi-nādu, the kankāni of the tiruvāykkēlvi Jayadhara-Pallavaraiyar.

No. 12.—TIRUPPUVANAM SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE.

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This is a single plate which bears writing on both the sides, the first having 17 lines and the second, 15 lines,

Excepting the last two and a half lines, the writing on both the sides bears close resemblance to that on the Tiruppūvaņam plates of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśākhara I edited above. The sign of visarga is used as a punctuation mark in lines 1 and 15. This and the employment of the symbol resembling ya to denote ppa (l. 11), the preferential use of r before hard consonants, t in $\bar{u}rgali_{I}=t^{\circ}$ (ll. 2 and 17), tavirtu (ll. 4 and 19) and $p\bar{a}rtu$ (ll. 3 and 8), ch in $arul\bar{a}r=ch^{\circ}$ (l. 27), and k in $sabhaiv\bar{a}rku$ (ll. 2 and 16), as well as the general shape of all the letters point to the fact that the writer of this plate must be identical with the one that incised the previous set of eleven plates. In the above examples, $sabhaiv\bar{a}rku$, tavirtu and $p\bar{a}rtu$ are instances of wrong spelling.

There are, strictly speaking, two inscriptions on this plate. Lines 1 to 15 register an order issued by king Tribhuvanachakravartin Könērinmaikondān to the assembly of Rājagambhīrachaturvvēdimangalam, while lines 15 to 32 purport to emanate from the temple of Tiruppūvanam to the same assembly. The subject in both is practically the same as will be seen in the sequel. The first contains the date "11th year (of reign) and 108th day" but mentions the king only by the general title Tribhuvanachakravartin Kōnērinmaikondān. The second states the name of the king to be Sundara-Pāṇḍya 'who presented the Chōla country'; eleventh year (of reign) occurs in the body of the record.

In the Tiruppūvaņam plates of Jaţāvarman Kulaśākhara I, we are informed that in constituting the new village of Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdimangalam, three of the dēvadāna properties of the temple of Tiruppūvaņamuḍaiyār, viz., Vāgaikuḍi in Kīranūr-nāḍu (l. 20), Muttūranārotṭai in Mērkuḍi-nāḍu (ll. 59f.) and Śirukiļānkāṭṭūr in Purapparaļai-nāḍu (l.68), were taken up and included in it. It is usual in such cases to give other lands in exchange. The Tiruvālangāḍu plates evidence such a practice. And even in the large Tiruppūvaṇam plates we find it stated that in place of Miļaganūr which, like the dēvadāna lands of the Tiruppūvaṇam temple, had been taken up and included in Rājagambhīra-chaturvēdīmangalam, a number of lands were given and they were formed into a fresh village called Rājēndraśinganallūr which was placed in the Division of Achchankāṭṭirukkai (ll. 111f.). But it is not stated in those plates what was done to compensate the Tiruppūvaṇam temple for the loss it sustained in being deprived of certain properties. What is not stated there forms the subject of this supplementary plate.

The first inscription on this plate states (1) that the villages of Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārotṭai and Śirukiļānkāṭtūr, which were among the dēvadāna properties of the temple of Tiruppūvaṇamuḍaiyār, had been taken away and added to Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimaṅgalam; (2) that up to the tenth year (of the reign of Sundara-Pāṇḍya I), after annual crop examination, the lands of the said three villages had been regularly paying kadamai to the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam; (3) that this payment was then put a stop to and in its place, it was settled that an amount of twenty-five kāśu in all,—ten kāśu for Vāgaikudi, ten kāśu for Muttūranāroṭṭai and five kāśu for Śirukiļānkāṭṭūr,—had to be paid every year from the eleventh year onwards to the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam and that in paying this, half must be given in kāśu and the other half in paddy, on the basis of a never diminishing (i.e., permanent) investment; (4) and that on this settlement being recommended to the king by his brother-in-law Alagapperumāl, he ordered the issue of kēļvi to that effect, and directed also the engraving of the same on stone and copper. It bears the date '11th year and 108th day 'and is signed by three officials.

The **second** inscription calls the first document a $pidip\bar{a}du$ issued by Sundara-Pāṇdya who presented the Chōla country to the assembly of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam, recites its contents and lays down the procedure to be adopted in making the payment, settled therein. It says that the agreed amount of money $(k\bar{a}\hat{s}u)$ must be paid and the quantity of paddy measured out, every year, in the premises of the temple kitchen, and for the payment thus made, receipts

must be obtained from the temple signed by the accountant and the kapmi. The signatories to this inscription are a Saivāchārya, two Sivabrāhmanas and Mudal-Kaņakku (the treasury accountant). At the end, it is said that the document was caused to be made by Sāstra-Bhaṭṭāraka, son of Jaṭādhara the ornament of the village of Aṅgārakamaṅgalam. It must have been on this occasion that the large Tiruppūvaṇam plates, wherein the inclusion of the three dēvadāna villages in Rājagambbīra-chaturvvēdimaṅgalam is specified, must have been engraved and kept along with the supplementary plate as its mūlašāsana. Hence, it is that we find that all the plates are written in the same hand and are in the possession of the Tiruppūvaṇam temple.

Ordinarily the State did not interfere with temple properties. This is made plain by such statements as "iev-ürgafir-palan-dēvadānam paļļichchandam.....nīkki" found in the large Tiruppūvaņam plates.¹ It is also clear from the fact that the Tiruppūvaņam temple, in spite of the inclusion of three of its dēvadāna lands in the newly formed brahmadēya, had been regularly getting the kadamai from them from the date of the grant of the brahmadēya, which, as we know from the large set, was the eleventh year opposite to the thirteenth year of the reign of Jaţāvarman Kulašēkhara I (A.D. 1204) till the tenth year of the reign of Māṭavarman Sundara-Pāṇḍya I (A.D. 1226). When, owing to any special reasons, dēvadānas had to be taken away and turned to other purposes—here for forming the brahmadēya—the original incumbents were not deprived of their income but were adequately compensated. The king's brother-in-law Alagapperumāļ n.ust have been appointed to hold an enquiry and settle the compensation to be awarded to the dispossessed owner of the resumed dēvadāna. The result of his enquiry is embodied in this inscription.

The first inscription being a State document is signed by State officials, and the second, being one issued by the temple, bears the signatures of temple officials. The temples in those days had regularly constituted bodies of their own to see to their management. These bodies were known as unnäligaiyär or unnäligai-sabhaiyär. I have referred to the constitutional character of the bodies known as Pan-Māhēśvaras in the case of Siva temples and Śrī-Vaishnavas in the case of Vishnu temples elsewhere. Here we may note some of the numerous officers that were employed in temple bodies. They are (1) Kanakku-Mudal or Mudal-Kanakku, (2) Kanakku, or Karanattān, (3) Dēvakamni, (4) Sthānāchārya or Śaivāchārya, (5) Pūjikkum-Nambi and other Nambis, (6) Kāni-Nānakam, (7) Tiruvilaichchinai-kankāni, (8) Por-Pandāri, (9) Sādana (Sāšana)-Pandāri, (10) Śrī-Māhēśvara-Kankāni, (11) Śrīkāryam-šeyvār, (12) Śrīkōyil-Vāriyam-šeyvār or Vāriya-Perumakkal, etc.

In transactions in which the temple is concerned, some of these officials affix their signatures. In a record of the time of Kulöttunga I five temple officials, viz., Māhēscara-Kankāni, Šivabrāhmana, Pūjikkum-Nambi, Karanattān and a Pan-Māhēscara have attested. Another record gives ten of the different officials noticed above. A third document is addressed to Śrikōyil-vāriyam-seyvār, Dēvarkanmis, Pandāris and Karanattān. It is consistent with this custom that the second document issued by the temple of Tiruppūvanam to the assembly of

¹ See above, p. 111, text-lines 69 f.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. VII. Nos. 91, 158 & 835.

Above, Vol. XXII, p. 275.

^{*} S, I. I., Vol. IV, No. 427; also Nos. 293, 296 & 985 of Vol. V and Nos. 33 & 36 of Vol. VL

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. V. No. 473.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 427.

¹ No. 33 of S. I. I., Vol. VI.

Rājagambhīra- chaturvvēdimangalam in pursuance of the royal order, was signed by the Saivāchārya, Šivabrāhmaņas and the Mudal-Kaņakku, besides Šāstra-Bhaṭṭāraka, son of Jaṭādhara.

A few terms that occur in this plate deserve to be noted. These are kelvi, pidipādu, adukkaļaippuram, kadamai and vādā-kkadamai. Kēļvi is the noun derived from the root, 'kēļ' to 'hear'. It is used in inscriptions to denote both 'an office' and 'a royal order'. Among the official attendants on the king, some were called 'kēļvi 1' and the duty of the kēļvi officers seems to be 'to communicate to the Department corncerned any order of the king just as they heard it said by him'. In communicating such oral orders, they stated the occasion when, and the attendant circumstances under which the king gave them. Besides meaning the class of officials, the term kelvi came to be applied to the document containing the royal oral order put in proper form and signed by the State officials.2 This term is sometimes re-placed by (nam-ōlai) 'Royal order'. It is worthy of note that in this plate kēļvi and pidipādu are made to refer to the same thing. In the Vēļvikudi plates we meet with the expression kēļvi-andanāļar3 which conveys the same sense as śrōtriya-Brāhmana. The term pidipādu consists of the roots pidi 'hold or bind ' and padu ' terms or sources' and means ' a deed of support, a letter of authority embodying the conditions to be fulfilled and authorising the possession of a thing or property', or 'a title-deed'. It is of such a general nature that it could be applied to any kind of document. The following extracts will make its application clear :-

"tiriya itta padikku enrum idu pidipādāga" meaning for having given it back, this shall be the deed of support"; "ivv-āndu kār-mudal kadamai irukkumidatu māttāl nellu padin-kalamāga pū onrukku nellu... kuduttu ivar kaiyāl taravu koļvōmāgavum ippadi sammaditu pidipādu kuduttōm" meaning agreeing to pay ten kalam of paddy on each mā of land at each harvest and to obtain receipt therefor we gave this pidipādu (i.e., deed evidencing the terms of holding)". It will be seen that this passage is almost similar to the one in the Tiruppūvaņam supplementary plate, and that the record belongs to the time of Jaṭāvarman Kulaśēkhara I.

Another inscription which registers a tax-free gift of land, with its previous owners removed, as a nandavaṇappuram, i.e., for the maintenance of a flower garden, uses the words "ippadi nam ölai pidipādāga koṇḍu chandrādityavar śelvadāga". Here the word pidipādu means 'a deed embodying the terms and authorising the holding of the land as a tax-free gift'. As in the present plate, the royal order (nam ölai) is termed a pidipādu.

Kadamai means 'assessment on land'. The fact that the temple of Tiruppūvaṇam was getting from the three dēvadāna properties kadamai annually, after crop examination, shows that they must have been assigned by the State and the temple was entitled to all the dues which it was previously entitled to. The fresh settlement by which the sabhā of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam was made to pay annually twenty-five kāśu, half in money and the other half in paddy, must be equal to the value of the kadamai which the temple was receiving. The word kadam being not much different from kadamai, vādā-kadamai may be equated with vādā-kadam. This is quite appropriate in this case where the temple had been realising kadamai on lands and the

¹ See above, note on tiruvāykēļvi, p. 106.

² No. 293 of S. I. I., Vol. V.

³ Above, Vol. XVII, p. 300, text-line 36,

Above, Vol. XXII, p. 52.

⁵ S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 415,

[&]amp; Ibid., No. 419.

lands had been given over to the brakmadēya. The term vādā-kadamai is used in other inscriptions also in the sense of 'permanent assessment on lands'. As applied to debts, vādā-kadam means a loan in which fixed interest bad to be paid, the capital remaining unchanged or undiminished. This is the case in all permanent endowments. Sometimes it is even stated that the debtor should not at any time offer to pay up the capital and free himself from the binding to pay interest. Fuller expression for such debts is mudal-vādā-kadan.* Adukkaļaippuram* means 'for the requirements of the kitchen, i.e., for offerings'. All gifts to temples are dēvadānas. According to the purpose for which the gifts are made, they fall under different heads such as tirunandavanappuram, tirumālaippuram, adukkaļaippuram, tirumālakkuppuram, etc.

TEXT.

First Side.

- 1 Svasti ári 3 Tribhuvanachchakrava[r*]tti Könör[i*]nmaikondán Räjagambhira-vajanāṭṭu Räjagambhira-chatu-
- 2 rvvēdimangalattu=ssabhaiyārku [I*] Udaiyār Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyār dēvadāņamāņa ūrgaļir=tangaļ=ūrudan kūţ-
- 3 tina Vāgaikudiyu[m*] Muttūranārottaiyum Sirukiļāūkāttūrum pattāvaduvarai payir pārtus
- 4 kadamaiy-iruttu-vandamaiyil idu tavirtu-ppadip-onrāvadu-modal Vāgaikudikku-kkāšu pattum Muttū[ra*]-
- 5 nārottaikku-kkāšu pattum Širukiļānkāttūrukku-kkāšu ainjum aga aņd-oprukku-kkāšu
- 6 irubatt-aiñjum oţţāga niśchayittu-kkāšu pādiyun-ner-pādiyum-āga irukka-pperavēņum-eŋru macb-
- 7 chunanār—Alagapperumāļ namakku-chebonnamaiyil tangaj-ūrudan kūttina Vāgaikudiyu[m*] Muttūranārot-
- 8 ţaiyuñ-Chigukilânkăţţūrum pattavaduvarai payir pagtu-kkadamaiy-iguttu-vandamaiyil idu tavirtu-
- 9 ppadin-ongāvadu-mudal Vāgaikudikku-kkāšu pattum Muttūranārio*j*jṭaikku-kkāšu pattuñ-Chiru-
- 10 kiļānkāṭṭūrukku=kkāśu ainjum āga āṇḍ-onrukku-kkāśu irubatt-ainjum oṭṭāga niśchayittu=
- 11 kköśu pādiyun-ner-pādiyum-āga iruppadāga* kēļvi tara-chehonnöm [i*] ippadi* Chandr-Ādityavat šelvadāga ka-
- 12 Ililun-chembilum vettivittu-kkolga []*] Ivaj* Ševvirukkai-nāṭṭu Achebutavayal-Araiyan-Ādicheha-
- 13 *dēvan-āna Yādavarāyann=eļuttu [*] Yāndu 11-vadu nā] 108 [*] Ivai* Vadatalai=chChembi-nāţţu Veņkānūr Araya-

¹ S. I. I., Vol. IV, 373 and Vol. V, No. 416,

^{*} No. 345 of S. I. I., Vol. VIII.

^{*} See Nos. 416 and 450 of S. I. I., Vol. V.

^{*} The right hand portion of the medial o sign of re has been omitted to be engraved.

The letters ppo are written as a group whose symbol resembles yes.

^{*} The word iver is expressed by a single symbol combining the two letters i and resi.

² The & sign of de is at the end of the previous line.

- 14 n Kariyamāl-āņa Adigaimāņ-eļuttu [1*] Ivaiy1=Aņda-nāṭṭu=pPerumaṇalūr Mandariy-Irāmaņāna Pallavarāyan-
- 15 n=eluttu * Svasti árī * Sarvva-löka-samutpatti-sti(sthi)ti-samhāra-kāraņam [1*] śāsanam śāśvatath Sambhö[h*] śri-Pu-
- Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalattu= 16 shpavana-vāsinah [||] Rājagambhīra-vaļanāttu ssabhaiyārku namm-adukka-
- 17 |aippuram-āna ūrgaļir-tangaļ-ūrudan kūttina ūrgaļil Vāgaikudiyum Muttūranārottaiyun-Chiru-

Second Side.

- 18 kiļānkāttūrum nam pillai Sonādu vaļangina Sundara-Pāndiyadēvarku yāndu pattāvaduvaraí payir pa-
- rtu-kkadamai kondu-vandamaiyil idu tavirtu padin-onrāvadu-mudal Vāgaikudikku-kkāšu pattum Muttūranārottai-
- kkuskkāšu pattum Šiguki[Jāńkāṭtūru]kkuskkāšu aiñjum āga āṇḍ-ongukkuskkāšu irubattainjum vädä-ka-
- 21 dan-āga ottāga-kkāšu [pādiyun-ner]-pādiyum-āga iruppadāga-chchonnō[m] [i*] ippadikku nam pillai Sundara-Pā-
- ndiyadēvar tangaļukku-k[kudutta] pidipāttinpadiyēy i-kkāšāl vanda nel[lum kū]šum
- nan-kanakkar kanmigal va[śa]m namm-adukkalaippurattöy-alandum odukki[yu]n-taravu kolga [[*]
- Arulal Savyāchāryyan Bhāradvāji Pālarāvā[ya]n Visvēšvaran-āna [Alagiya]dēva-Bhattan
- 25 ejuttu [j*] Arujūl Tiruppūvaņamudaiyān Vighnāsvaran-āņa Viņāyaka-Bhattan ejuttu [j*] I-nNa-
- 26 yanār Sivabrāhmaņaril dēvakanmi Pālarāvāyan Ammaiddēvaņ-āņa Aļagiyanāyaka-
- Bhatran elutto [f*] Arujār-Chatrargaļil Enādimangalattu Kāšvapan Kēšavan
- *Kshētrajňan-āna Brahma-pPallavaraiyann=cluttu [j*] Aruļāl mudar-karanattān Dānavi-28
- noda-Művendaveján=ejuttu [4] Vidya-praudha-vilásini-paribridha-sri-Sastra-29
- Bhatjāraka[h*] khyāt=Omgārakamamgal-aika-tilaka[s*]-srī-Rājagambbīrakē [j*] grā-80
- māņām pravatūs Jadā(tā)dhara-sutō vidvat(d)-vadāny-āgraņā[h*] patram kārayati sma sa-31 -
- [ta]tam=ita(da)m sīmnas=su-ninā(rņā)yakam*|

TRANSLATION.

(Lines 1 to 15) Hail ! Prosperity ! From the Emperor of the three worlds Konerinmai. kondan to the assembly of Rajagambhira-chaturvvēdimangalam in Rajagambhira-valanādu.

¹ The word iver is expressed by a single symbol containing the two letters i and ver,

I This line is written over an erastres from the beginning to our sends.

^{*} Rend Saira".

^{*} The # sign of Kahe is engraved at the end of the previous line,

^{*} Read "vridha.

[&]quot; Va looks exactly like pa.

^{*} The Sanskrit verse at the end covering the latter part of line 29 and the subsequent two and a half lines is sugraved in a different hand. Perhaps Sastra-Bhattaraka himself wrote it and the engraver incised it.

As Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārottai and Sirukiļānkāttūr which were among the dēvadāna villages of (the god) Udaiyar Tiruppūvaņam-udaiyar and which, up to the tenth year (of Our reign), had been subject to (annual) crop examination and payment of kadamai (to the temple of Tiruppūvanam), had been included in your village, this (payment of kadamai) had been made to cease, and as Our brother-in-law Alagapperumal had told Us that (an amount of) twenty-five kasu .ten kāšu for Vāgaikudi, ten kāšu for Muttūranārottai and five kāšu for Širukilānkāttūr,-had been determined to be paid as ottu, for every year from the eleventh year (onwards), and that out of this amount, (one) half had to be paid in kāśu and (the other) half in paddy, We have ordered the issue of kelvi to the same effect.1 You may have this engraved or stone and copper so as to last till the Moon and the Sun (endure). This is the signature of Araiyan Adichchadevan alias Yādavarāyan of Achchutavayal in Ševvirukkai-nādu. The year 11 and days 108. This is the signature of Araiyan Kariyamāl alias Adigaimān of Veņkānūr in Vadatalai-Sembi-nādu. This is the signature of Mandari² Rāman alias Pallavarāyan of Perumanalūr in Anda-nādu.

(Ll. 15ff.) Hail! Prosperity! This is the permanent edict, which was the cause of creation, protection and destruction of all the worlds, of (the god) Sambhu residing in the glorious Pushpavana. To the assembly of Rājagambhīra-chaturvvēdimangalam in Rājagambhīra-valanādu.

Whereas, after (annual) crop examination, Wes have been receiving, up to the tenth year of (the reign of) Our son4 Sundara-Pāṇḍyadēva who had presented the Chōla country, kaḍamai from Vāgaikudi, Muttūranārottai and Sirukiļānkāttūr which were among the villages attached. to Our kitchen and which had been included in your village, and whereas this (payment of kadamai) had been made to cease and (in its place) We had declared that an amount of twenty-five kāšu in all-ten kāśu for Vāgaikudi, ten kāśu for Muttūranārottai and five kāśu for Sirukiļānkāttūrshould be paid to Us as offu on the basis of a permanent investment, every year from the eleventh year (onwards), (therefore), in accordance with the pidipādu issued to you in this wise by Our son* Sundara-Pāṇḍyadēva, (the amount of) paddy and kāśu should be measured out and given to Our accountants and kanmis (servants) at the premises of Our kitchen and receipt taken. By order, this is the signature of the Saivāchārya Pālarāvāyan alias Alagiyadēva-Bhaṭṭan of the Bhāradvājagotra. By order, this is the signature of Tiruppūvaņamudaiyān Vighnēśvaran alias Viņāyaka-Bhattan. By order, this is the signature of Pālarāvāyan Ammaidēvan alias Alagiyanāyaka-Bhattan, a dēvakanmi among the Sivabrāhmanas of this god. By order, this is the signature of Kēśavan Kshētrajnan alias Brahma-Pallavaraiyan, a Kāšyapa and one of the chattar (students). By order, this is the signature of the treasury accountants Danavinoda-Mūvēndavēļān.

(Ll. 29ff.) The illustrious Śāstra-Bhaṭṭāraka, who was the lord of the lady Learning, who was famous as the sole forehead-mark of Angarakamangala, who was the son of Jatadhara and who was foremost among scholars, had this permanent grant, properly fixing the boundaries, written at Rajagambhīraka, the best of villages.

¹ The whole of what has been said above is repeated here.

² This word may stand for mantrin 'minister'. But as in all places where it occurs, both here and in the previous inscription, it is consistently spelt Mandari, there is strong suspicion that it may form part of the proper

^{3 .} We here refers to god.

⁴ The king is called the son of the god.

The term arulal which literally means 'by the grace' seems to be employed in the sense of 'by command: or order ' to denote the fact that the individual signs on behalf of the temple.

The term mudal may also be taken as 'chief, head or first'...

No. 13.-KODURU GRANT OF ANA-VOTA-REDDI : SAKA 1280.

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The set of plates containing the inscription edited below was discovered in the village of Koduru in the Gudivada taluk of the Kistna District by the villagers while ploughing a field. The plates are now in the possession of Vidvan Pūrņakuṭumba Rao of Gudlavallēru, from whom I secured them during my tour in the district in November 1936. The inscription has been reviewed in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for that year (Appendix A, No. 4) and I now publish it with the kind permission of the Superintendent for Epigraphy.

The set consists of five plates strung on to an oval ring 31" by 41" and weighs together with the ring 287 tolas. The ring does not bear any seal. The plates measure 10" by 43" each and are inscribed on both the sides including the first and the last. The writing is in an excellent state of preservation. The inscription is in the Telugu script of the medieval period. The alphabet does not call for any special comment except that the letter bha is written with or without the mark of aspiration at the bottom, as in -nabhèr= in l. 6, gagan-èbha in l. 28, etc., but it invariably occurs without it when the vowel signs a or a are attached to it or when it occurs in a conjunct consonant, e.g., bhāga (l. 2), bhū-dāna (l. 9), bhūpah (l. 18), etc., and od-bhayaraso (l. 21), viprēbhyah (l. 32), etc. The letter ri is written like the modern bhu without its lower stroke of aspiration but with an additional kommu or u sign attached to it (Il. 36, 39, 41, etc.). The whole record is written in Sanskrit verse and prose, except the portion specifying the boundaries of the village granted, which is in Telugu (Il. 57 to 72). Lines 1 to 32 consist of fourteen verses in different metres while lines 33 to 56, in which the donces with their respective shares are specified, are in prose. The inscription ends with the usual imprecatory verses and a verse which gives the name of the poet who composed the grant (ll. 72 to 77). In respect of orthography the following points may be noted :- (a) The use of the anusvara instead of the class nasal and the unnecessary doubling of the following consonant as in jagamitti for jaganti (l. 1), "vamittau for "vantau and rathāmgga for rathāmga (1. 4), etc.; (b) doubling of the consonant after the repha as in kirtti (1. 12), "r-vvibhinnā (l. 15), Yajur-vvēdī (l. 42), etc.; (c) incorrect omission of the aspirate as in Pārtla for Partha (1. 15), and the sonant for the surd as in tidhau for tithau (1. 29), Radhitara for Rathitara (1, 50). In rya the r is always written in full and the secondary form of ya attached to it as at present.

The grant belongs to the time of king Ana-Vōta of the Reddi dynasty of Kondavidu. The inscription opens with a verse in praise of the Boar incarnation of Vishņu. The subsequent nine verses which are identical with those of the Pachehani-Tāṇdipagru grant of Ana-Vēma recount, in order, the praise of the Sun and the Moon (v. 2), the birth of the fourth caste, i.e., that of the Sūdras from the lotus-feet of Vishņu and the birth in it of Prōlaya-Vēma who constructed the flight of steps leading to Srīšaila, made all the gifts enumerated by Hēmādri, performed various meritorious deeds and who defeated several hostile kings (vv. 3-7). To him were born Ana-Vōta and Ana-Vēma who were in splendour, like the Sun and the Moon (v. 8). The next three verses are devoted to the description of the might and valour of Ana-Vōta, the donor of the grant, who instilled fear into the hearts of his enemies by the very sound of his wardrums (vv. 9-12). In the Saka year 1280 (expressed by the chronogram gagana 0, ibha 8, and sūrya 12) in the month of Pausha, on darša, Tuesday, during the solar eclipse, king Ana-Vōta granted to sixty-one Brāhmans of different gōtras and šākhās, the village of Kōdūru renamed Annavōtapuram, on the bank of the Malāpahā, along with the eight kinds of

Above, Vol. XXI, p. 269.

aisvarya and bhoga. The English equivalent of the date according to the Indian Ephemeris of L. D. S. Pillai is A.D. 1358, January 9, Tuesday, on which day amāvāsyā commenced at 51 of the day. The solar eclipse, however, is shown to have occurred on the next day, i.e., Wednesday, on which day amacasya lasted till '43 of the day.

The composer of the grant is Balasarasvati, a name which sounds very much like a title probably acquired by the person on account of his profound scholarship. Besides the Pachchani-Tandiparru grant already referred to, he is the composer of two other inscriptions of Ana-Verna, of which one is a copper-plate record,1 and the other a stone inscription at Srisailams. In all these records Balasarasvatī calls himself the Videas of the king's court and he seems to have held this position up to Saka 1299, in which year he composed the Srikuilam inscription mentioned above ; for, in the next year, i.e., Saka 1300, we find Trildchanacharya figuring as the court-poet of Ana-Vēma and composing a copper-plate grant of the king.

Attention may be drawn here to an unpublished fragmentary copper-plate inscription of Ans-Vota recorded in the Elliot Collection of Telugu Inscriptions, which furnishes us with some important facts. One of the donees figuring in it is a certain Mallu-bhatta who is called a Vidyadhikaris. We know that the famous poet Srinktha was the Vidyadhikaris in the court of Komati-Vama. Probably he succeeded Mallu-bhatta in this office. Of the duties of a Vidytahikarin nothing is known from inscriptions, but that it must have been a responsible and high office is evident from the fact that so eminent a poet as Srīnātha held it. Unfortunately nothing is known of his predecessor Mallu-bhatta. Another dones figuring in the Elliot Collection record is a certain Errayn-pregada. His gotra, however, is not mentioned as in the case of the other donces, but he is introduced in respectful terms and is stated to be a recipient of an exclusively large share of land. It is therefore likely that this person is identical with the famous poet Egra-pregada, who belonged to the Srivatsa-gôtra and who is reputed to have completed the Andhra-Mahabharutumu which was left unfinished by the previous authors, and who dedicated his work Harieumsamu to his patron Prolaya-Vema. A certain Reddi-Vema is known to have granted several agrahāras to Vennalaganti Sūranna.* The late Rao Bahadur Viresalingam Pantulu who identifies this Reddi-Vēma with Prolays-Vēma believes that Sūranna could not have had a place in Vēma's court as long as Errā-pregada held his position there; and therefore, in as much as Saranna was patronised by Reddi-Vema, Erra-pregada must have died during the time of Prolaya himself.* This supposition of the author is untenable, as instances of more than one poet patronised by kings in their courts are not uncommon. The present reference to the poet is therefore important in establishing that he lived in the court of Ana-Vota also. Besides the Mahabharatamu and the Haricamsamu, Erra-pregada is the author of two other works, the Ramayanamu and the Nrisimhapuranamu, of which he dedicated the former to Malla, a brother of Prolaya-Vema and the latter, known also as the Ahobalamahatmyamu, to the

¹ A. R. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1922-23, App. A. No. 9.

² Ibid, for 1915, App. C, No. 20,

^{*} Above, Vol. III. p. 59.

⁴ Vol. I, p. 206, kindly brought to my notice by Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, M.A., Ph.D., of the Madras Uni-

Mr. V. Prabhakaca Šāstri writes, in his Srimgdrasringthoma (p. 52), that Bülmarasvatt held the position of the Vidyashikuria in the courts of Ana-Vota and Ana-Voma. But in no inscription of his composition does the post call himself a Vidyadhikaria like his other contemporary Mathabhatta or the famous Srinaths.

Jakkana's Vikramarkacharstrumu, 1, 62.

^{*} Complete Works of Rao Bahadur K. Viresalingam Pantulu, Telugu Poets, Vol. X, part 1, p. 173.

god Narusithha, the presiding deity of Ahōbalam, the well-known place of pilgrimage in the Kurnool District.

The chief interest of the present grant lies in the fact that it is the only copper-plate inscription! of the king so far discovered. Stone inscriptions of Ans-Vota known till now number only five and range in date from Saka 1275 to 12832. The earliest date known for his father Prolaya-Vema is Saka 1254,3 and an inscription from Mallavaram in the Ongole taluk of the Guntur (formerly Nellore) District gives for him the Saka year 12[7]7, which, if correct, would be his latest date.4 But the reading of the latter date appears to be wrong for reasons cited in the foot-note below and may have to be equated with Saka 1267.4 An inscription of this king from Tripurantakam is dated in Saka 1268s and this is the latest date so far known for him. His son Ana-Vota also figures in this record, probably as the crown-prince. That he was a yuraraja in his father's reign is referred to in a verse in Hariyamsamu also." He may therefore be presumed to have succeeded his father some time between Saka 1268 and Saka 1275. The record bearing the Saka date 1283 quoted above refers to the reconstruction of the Amaresvara temple at Dharanikota by Vērna-Chamūpati, the son of Mallinātha who was the minister of Ana-Vota. As the renovation was made for the increase of the life, health and prosperity of Ana-Vôta, it may be reasonably presumed that he was ruling in Saka 1283. His defeat at the hands of Mada and Ana-Vota, sons of Singa, a general, probably, of the Kākatīya king Pratāparudra, is referred to in the Velugötivāri-Vamsāvali, and this incident has been assigned to Saka 1283." Ana-Vēma is said to have succeeded his brother Ana-Vōta after the latter's death. We do not know of any record of Ana-Vēma earlier than Saka 1293,10

The only other copper-plate grant of this king known to us is that given in the Elliot Collection mentioned already, but its whereabouts are not now known.

The five records referred to above are (1) Nellors Inscriptions, Part III, p. 1037. This record, dated in Saka 1275, is included in Rangacharya's Topographical List of Inse. (Guntur No. 405) and it refers to Ana-Vôta's minister Mallinaths on whose death his brother made some grants, (2) No. 185 of 1905 of the Madras Epigraphical Collegtion, dated in Saka 1278. (3 and 4) Nos. 801 and 602 of 1909, both dated in Saka 1280 and (5) No. 258 of 1897. Another record (No. 250 of 1905) dated in Saka 1269 belongs to the reign of Annama Reddi. This has been assigned to Ana-Vôta by Sewell and Krishnaswami Ayyangar (Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 191). But it is reasonable to ascribe it to Anna, a younger brother of Prolaya-Vema, since the date falls within the period of the latter's rule.

8 No. 340 of 1915 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

Nellore Inscriptions, Part III, Ongole 73.

The collipse is stated to have occurred at the end of (the month) Asvina. It must therefore have been an eclipse of the Sun (ahimamis, not himitais, i.e., Moon, as understood by Butterworth and Venugopala Chetty, ibid., p. 1025). According to the Indian Ephemeris the details given in the inscription, viz., Asvinasy-densine rulesgroste-Aimanique sura-guru-dicase; i.e., the ending of Asvina, volar college, Thursday, agree regularly for the Saka year 1267 (current) = A. D. 1344, October 7, Thursday, on which day there was a solar eclipse. In calculating the above date, the months have to be counted as aminsta ones as it is the system adopted in South India. The word surddhi in the chronogram inita-varddhi-dynmani as read by the authors mentioned above has therefore to be altered suitably by some such word as tarkke to give as the numeral 6 in place of 7, and the chronogram equated with 1267.

* No. 191 of 1905.

* Ka || Vitata-yuvarāja-vibhav-ôn-

nata Pūtaya-sainyanātha naya-mārgga samīhita-santata-sava-vilasita-putra érisamriddha sivaguna-siddhā | (Harivamijamu, Part II, Canto 9, v. 260.)

Above, Vol. VIII, p. 12.

Above, Vol. XXI, p. 270.

10 A. R. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1922-23, App. A. No. 9.

which date is nearly a decade later than Ana-Vôta's supposed defeat in Saka 1283. Whether Ana-Vôta's reign ceased with his defeat at the hands of Singa's sons, and his brother succeeded to the throne forthwith, we must leave for future discovery of fresh records to decide.

A few details about this king gathered from the Elliot Collection record referred to already' may be added here. The inscription begins, as usual, with the genealogy of the Reddi chiefs commencing with Prola and his sons Macha, Vema, Dodda, Anna and Malla by his wife Annamamba. Here Vema's two sons Ana-Veta and Ana-Vema are mentioned and the former's exploits recounted. His conquests are said to have extended as far as the banks of the rivers Krishna and Gautami, a fact which is corroborated by a verse in the Vishnapuranamu which refers to the defeat by Ana-Veta of a certain Ravutu-Kesa on the banks of the Krishna before the very eyes of god Amares-vara. Ana-Vema associates himself in this inscription with his brother Ana-Veta in endowing lands to more than 180 Brahmans, amongst whom, besides the Vidyadhikarin Mallu-bhatta already mentioned, the mention of Erraya-pregada is of particular interest. Ana-Vema, it must be noted, is here called Ana-Vema-Bhūpati Mahāraju (the wording in the inscription is: yī rāju tammundu Ana-Vema-Bhūpati Mahāraju). The date of this inscription is unfortunately lost; but it must have been executed some time prior to Saka 1293, which is the earliest year known for Ana-Vema, the successor of Ana-Vēta.

Of the place-names mentioned in the inscription under publication the following, viz., Sankanipalli, Vinnakōta, Kanumerla, Pottipādu and Kalavapūrndi, may be identified respectively with the modern Sankarshanapuram, Vinnakōta, Kanumerla, Pottipādu and Kalavapūdi—all in the Gudivāda taluk of the Kistna District. Gururnjakōdu may possibly be identical with Gunta-Kōdūru. The other villages, viz., Rājināyini Pālaparti, Krinkulamirtti or Krinkulamirtu, Pālakōdu, and Pulipādu, I am unable to identify. Alligunta may be a pond and Aluka-pannāsa, probably a field. Dāmkēru and Vannēru must be two local streams. The village Kōdūru is said to be situated on the banks of the Malāpahā; but there is no stream of this name anywhere in this locality now. The Drujjavaram grant of Ana-Vēma (Šaka 1293) refers to this river as situated in Kurtti-dēša and the grant village Drujjavaram alias Anna-Vēmapuram as situated on the banks of this stream. Drujjavaram is evidently the modern Jujhavaram, which is 12 miles south west of Kōdūru. Both these villages are situated close to the present Pullēru canal, which appears to be the present representative of the river Malāpahā referred to in the above copper-plate records.

A list of the donees is appended hereto in a tabular form specifying in each case the gotra and the śākhā to which they belonged, as well as the shares of land which they received.

No.	Name of the dones.					Götra.				Vēda or Sākhā.	No. of shares.	Remarks.
1	Vissayārya .	1397				Harita				Yajus	2	
2	Simggayārya		*	3		Do.				Do.	2	1000
3	Sūrayārya .		4	191		Do.				Do	2	T-SELV.
4	Dāvayārya .			(10)	*	Do.		L SYN	-	Do.	2	

¹ See fn. 4, p. 138,

Andhra Vishnupurdnamu by Sürana, Aivāsa I, v. 22,

¹ A. R. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1922-23, App. A, No. 15.

No.	Name of t	he donee.		Götra.	Vēda or Šākhā	No. of ahares.	Remarks.
5	Gamggayārya		141	Harita	Yajus	2	Comment of
6	Mādhava-dvivēdī		100	Do	Do	- 1	1000000
7	Annayārya .		100	Do	Do	1	14
8	Annayārya .	L W.	-	Do	Rig	2	16 100
p	Mādhavārya	20 6 91		Bhāradvāja	Yajus	2	at Marietta
10	Simggayarya		÷(Do	Do	1	termina to
11	Lakhkhayārya		•(Do	Do	I	KINN D
12	Appayārya .			Do	Do	1	-
13	Tallaya-daivajās	1	-	Do	Do.	1	100
14	Allada-bhatta		30	Do	Do	1	Sincount XX
15	Alladanātha	8 x (9)		Do	Do	1	STATE AND
16	Vallabhārya		*1	Do.	Do	1	Educat V
17	Erapôta-bhatta			Do.	Do	1	10
18	Chamudayārya	100		Do.	Rig	- 2	SEAST WI
19	Rāmayārya .	100	(4)	Śrivatsa .	Yajus	2	1
20	Appale-bhatta	140 41 140		Do	Do	-2	September 1
21	Châmchayārya			Do.	Do	1	TOTAL IN
22	Appayarya .		1	Do	Do	1	BECKEN A
23	Errayarya .	1		Do.	Do	1	District Land
24	Prolayarya .	1		Do	Do	1	Change of
25	Nārāyaņa-bhatta			Do.	. Rig	1	The same of the
26	Māchayārya	AL NI	1	Do.	Yajus	1	APPENDING S
27	Bhāakarārya	S ALL S		Kaundinya .	. Do	11	
28	Mādhavārya	V		Do	. Do	1	- September 1
29	Gamgādharārya			Do	. Do	1	and the same
30	Brahmadēva		-10	Do	. Do	1	AC OFFICE
31	Simggayārya			Do	. Do	Lange Bar	1 3 3
32	Appayārya .	Contract to	١,	Do	. Do	1	1212
33	Sarasvati-bhatta	LET D	14	Do	. Do	- 1	
34	Mamehchenārya			Do	. Do	1	
35	Dêvayêrya .	The Industrial	i.	46-2000 HILL	. Rig .	21	
100	Ayyalu-bhatta	The same of		Do.	. Do	2	10

No.	Name of the dones.	Gôtra.	Vēda or Šākhā.	No. of shares.	Remarks.
37	Sōmaya-bhatta	Kāśyapa	Rig	1	100
38	Nîlakamthārya	Do	Do	1	
39	Peddanārya	Do	Yajus .	1	
40	Annamārya	Do.	Do	1	
41	Viśvēśvara-bhatta	Do. allaharian .	Do	1	Kānva-śākh
42	Appayārya	Śāndilya	Do	1	ādhyāyī.
43	Nāgayārya	Do.	Do	1 1	
44	Simggayārya	Do	Do	1	No. of the last
45	Mādhavārya	Do	Do	1	
46	Appayārya ,	Do	Do		
47	Nārāyaṇārya	Do	Do		
48	Narahari-bhatta	Vasishtha	Dia	21	
49	Narasimha-jyautishika	Do	Do.	2	
50	Sūrayārya	Rathitara	Yajus		
51	Vallabhārya	Do.	De		
52	Simgayārya	Gautama	7		
53	Māchayārya	Do.	D	To the	
54	Jiyyanārya		Dia	D. M. C.	
55	Perumāṇḍi-bhaṭṭa	Kauśika	230 220 100	1	
56	Mārayārya .	Do	Yajus	1	
57	Mamchenārya	Maitrana	Do	.1	
58	Tippayārya	Rhimmon	Do	FE 2577 P	
59	Gōpāļa-bhatta	Vichness	Do		
60	Vāmaya-bhatta	Kānya	Rig	1	
61	Mallayārya .	Gargya .	Do, Yajus	1	

TEXT.

[Metres: -Vv. 1, 7 and 9, Vasantatilakā; vv. 2, 5, 6 and 8, Upajāti; vv. 3 and 4, Indravajrā; vv. 10-13, Sārdūlavikrīdita; vv. 14-18, Anushtubh.]

First Plate ; First Side.

- 1 Pāyād=Varāha-vapushah paramasya pumsō damshtrā jagamtti(ti) sī-
- 2 kharē dharaṇīm dadhānā [|*] [śri]mg-āgrabhāga-parichumbita-mēgha-bi-

¹ From original plates.

- 3 mbā samlakshyamāņa-susham-ēva šašūnka-rēkhā | [1*] Tamō ha-
- pūrvv-āpara-šaila-bhājau [|*] rathpushpavamttau(vantau) rakāsu 4 rētām tava āmggaiga)-lilā-
- 5 m-iva darśayamttau(tau) purā Purārēh pridhi(thi)vī-radha(tha)sya | [2*] Pād-āravim-
- 6 dād=Aravimdanābhēr-gGamg=ēva puņyā ghana-jīvana-šrīḥ | jāt=ābbijātā šatadhā
- 7 vibhinnā jātiš-chaturtthī jagatām hitāya | [3*] Tasyām-abhūt-Prolaya-Vēma-
- 8 nāmā Šrīšaila-sopāna-vidā(dhā)na-šāli | Hēmādri-kalp-odita-dāna-dakshō nis-si-

First Plate : Second Side.

- 9 ma-bhū-dāna-nirūdha-kīrtih | [4*] Vēma-kshitišō vrisham=ēka-pādam khamja-prachāram
- Kali-kāla-dōshāt | datt-āgrahāra-dvija-vēda-šaktyā pada-kramair-askhalitam chakāra | [5*]
- 11 Dharmatmajo Dāśarathih Prithuś-chatyudīryya¹māņāni yugāmtta(ta)rēshu | vitarka-
- 12 ye Vema-naresvarasya punyani namani puratanani | [6*] Yat-kirtti-gana-sa-
- 13 mayê phani-sundarinam-alőkitum cha mukha-ragam-anamga-
- 14 mūlam | śrōtum cha gita-rachanām yugapan=na dakshō nāg-ādhipō na saha-
- nayana-śrutitvam(tvam) | [7*] Samgrāma-Pārtta(ttha)sya śarair-vvibhinuā yasya āri-chū-
- 16 dāmaņayō viehēluh || (|) ākrāmatas samyati rāja vamsān* pratāpa vahnē

Second Plate : First Side.

- 17 r-iva visphulimgāḥ | [8*] Tasmāch-cha Vēma-nripatēr-udayād-iv-ādrēr-jātau pratāpa-
- 18 mtti(ti)-nidhî kumarau | süry-emdu-tulya-mahasav=Ana-Vōta-bhūpa[h*] śrīy-Anna-Vē-
- 19 ma-nripatir-jaga-raksha-pālah | [9*] Vīra-šrīy-Ana-Vöta-bhūtala-patēr-ggainbhīra-bhēriravaih sa-
- 20 trūnām hridayēshu samgga(ga)ra-mukhē bhinnēshu pūrvam rasam(sam) | yad=vi-
- 21 ram nirakāsayat(d)=bhaya-rasō vēgāt kutō-py-āgatō yuktam prākta-
- 22 nam-ambu nirggamayati pratyagram-aty-ürjitam(tam) | [10*] Yadhthāṭīshu² virōdhi-rā-
- 23 ja-nilayê yödh-alayê yöjitö vahnih kalpita-hêma-kuttima-ghana-syarh-
- 24 da-sphulimg-öjva(jjva)lah | Hēmādrēr-iva bhūmikām kalayati praudhah pratāp-ö-

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 25 ahmanā sa-pratyamtta(ta)girēh sa-hēmasaritah samvyāpta-tār-āvajēh | [11*] Yasy=ārīn kuliśa-
- 26 dhvanim kalayatō dhāṭīshu bhērī-ravam nāmāni drutam-Arjunassa japaṭas=samgrāma-
- 27 Gamdīvinah I samgrām-opapadāni tāni bhavatām rakshā-kritē sarvvadā varnyamttām(tām)=i-
- 28 ti bodhayamty-adhipatin dhi-yamtrino mamtrinah | [12*] Sak-abde gagan-obha-su-29 rya-ganitë Paushasya darsë tidhau(thau) Bhūsūnōr-divasē him-ētara-ruchah
- puny-opa-
- 30 rāg-āmtta(ta)rē | grāmam prādišad=Anna-Vōta-nripatih Kōdūru-nām-āmkki(ki)tam
- 31 s-āsht-aisvaryakum-ashta-bhōga-sahitam bhūdēvatābliyō mudā | [13*] Malāpah[ā]-
- 32 nadi-tirē viprēbhyah pratipāditam(tam) | Annavōtapuram nāmnā jayaty=ā-chamdratia-

^{*} Read =chaftyundiryyu".

^{*} Rend -punégàn.

Bend yad-dhafishu.

Read =Arjunusya,

Third Plate; First Side.

- 33 rakam(kam) | [14*] Asya grāmasya pratigrahītāraḥ || Haritagōtrāḥ | Vissayāryaḥ |
 Simggayā-
- 34 ryah | Sūrayāryah | Dēvayāryah | Gamggayāryah | ētē pamcha pratyēkam dvibhāginah |
- 35 Madbava-dvivědí | Annayaryah | ětê dvádaša Yajuh-šākh-ādhyāyinah | Annayaryah
- 36 dvi-bhagi Rig-vēdī | Bhāradvāja-gōtrāḥ Mādhavāryaḥ dvi-bhagi | Simggayāryaḥ |
- 37 Lakhkhayaryah | Appayaryah | Tallaya-daivajaah | Allada-bhattah | Alladanathah |
- 38 Vallabhāryah | Erapöta-bhattah | ētē daša Yajuh-šākh-ādhyāyinah | Chamudayā-
- 39 ryah | dvi-bhāgī | Rig-vēdī | Śrīvatsa-götrāh Rāmayāryah dvi-bhāgī | Appalebhattah |
- 40 dvi-bhāgi | Chāmchayāryaḥ | Appayāryaḥ | Egrayāryaḥ | Prōlayāryaḥ | ētē

Third Plate; Second Side.

- 41 Yajuh-śākh-ādhyāyinah | Nārāyaṇa-bhaṭṭah Rig-vēdī | Māchayāryah pād-ō-
- 42 na-bhāgī | Yajur-vvēdī | Kaumdinya-götrāḥ | Bhāskarāryaḥ s-ārdhdha(ārddha)-bhāgī | Mādhavāryaḥ | Gamgādhab(dha)-
- 43 răryah | Brahmadêvah | Simgayâryah | Appayâryah | Sarasvatī-bhaṭṭah Mamchchenāryah | ētē
- 44 Yajuh-sākh-ādhyāyinah | Kāsyapa-gōtrāḥ | Dēvayāryaḥ s-ārdhdha(ārddha)-dvibhāgī |
- 45 Ayyalu-bhattah dvi-bhāgī | Sōmaya-bhattah | Nilakamthāryah | ētē Bhurag(Rig)vēdi-
- 46 nah | Peddanāryaḥ | Annamāryaḥ pād-ōna-bhāgī | ētau Yajur-vvēdinau | Višvēšvarabhattah
- 47 Kanva-sakh-adhyayī | Samdilya-gotrah | Appayaryah | Nagayaryah | Simgga-
- 48 yāryaḥ | Mādhavāryaḥ | Appayāryaḥ , Nārāyaṇa(ṇā)ryaḥ ardhdha(arddha)-bhāgī ētē Ya-

Fourth Plate : First Side.

- 49 juh-śākh-ādhyāyinah | Vasishtha-götrau | (1) Naruhari-bhattah s-ārddha-dvi-bhāgī | Narasith-
- 50 ha-jyantishikah dvi-bhagi | ētau Rig-vēdinau | Radbī (thī)tara-gōtrau | Sūrayāryah dvi-bhā-
- 51 gi | Vallabhāryah [1*] ētau Yajur-vvēdinau | Gautama-gōtrau | Simggayāryah | Māchayāryah
- 52 étan Yajur-vvédinau | Jiyyanāryah Rig-védī | Kausika-götrau | Perumāris-
- 53 di-bhattah | Marayaryah | étau Yajur-vvédinau | Maitréya-götrah Mam-
- 54 chenāryah dvi-bhūgī | Yajur-vvēdī | Bhārggava-gōtrah Tippayāryah | Yajur-vvēdī | Vi-
- 55 shņuvardhdhana(varddhana)-götrah Göpāļa-bhattah Rig-vēdī | Kanva-götrah Vāmayabhattah
- 56 Rig-vēdī [i*] Gargya-götrah Mallayaryah pad-ona-bhāgī Yajur-vvēdī | Srī[b]|*]

Fourth Plate ; Second Side.

- 57 Atha gramasya sima-chihnani | turpunaku Mranikonda-gumta padumati gattu-
- 58 nnu ā kumtta dakshiņapu madi tūrpu-gattunnu dakshiņa-mukhamai Dāmkēru sahi-

- 59 tamai ā ēru dāmti Samkka(ka)nipalli kodu sīmagānu vachchi a(ā)gnēyam mūla Sa-
- 60 mkanipalli polamëra-gattu mochenu | dakshinamunaku Vinnakota polamu väya-
- 61 vyam mūla magidi dakshiņam-mukhamai pōyi Alligumţa mōchi aṭṭē pa-
- 62 dumara-mukhamai põyi nairriti-müla Kanumallapümdi polamu mõchenu[*]
- 63 padumați sima Vațlūri Akka-domka padumați kara pațțikoni vachchi Vannegu sahita-
- 64 mu-ganu Prattipāti polamu agnēyam māla mochi uttaram-mukhamai

Fifth Plate; First Side.

- 65 Namdi-vamppu sahitamugā vachchi Rājināyini-Pālaparti velladi polamu mō-
- 66 ehi mēditāpai Krimkulamirti polamu padumati kara-vattukoni uttaram-mukhamai
- 67 põyi Pālakodu dāmti uttara-mukhamai põyi väyavyam müla Kalu-
- 68 vapūriidi kara mõebenu | uttaram sīma ā karē sīmagānu tūrpu mukhamai
- 69 sāgi vachehi aluka-pannāsa dakshiņapum-gara sīmagā vachehi Vannēgu mõchi dakshiņami
- 70 mukhamai Vannērē sīmagānu Krimkulamirru Pulipādu sahitamgā vachchi
- 71 Gurumjakodu vāsina chotunu Vannēru dāmti tūrpu-mukhamai īšānyam
- 72 mūla Mrānikomda polamu mochenu || Sva-dattā[d*]=dviguņam puņyam para-datt-ā-

Fifth Plate; Second Side.

- 73 nupēlanam(nē) | para-datt-āpahārēņa sva-dattam nishphalam bhavēt |[| 15*] Svadattām para-dattām
- 74 vā yō harēta vasumddharām(rām) | shashtim varsha-sahasrāni vishthāyām jāyatē krimih |[| 16*]
- 75 Ēk=aiva bhaginī lokē [sarvvēshām=api bhūbhujām(jām) | na bhōgyā na kara-grāhyā vipra-dattā vasum-
- 76 ddha(dha)rā || [17*] Ana-Vōta-narēmdrasya vidvān Bālasarasvatī | akarōd=ākarō vāchām ni-
- 77 rmmalam dharma-śāsanam(nam) || [18*] Šivam-astu | Śri[ḥ ||*]

TRANSLATION.

(Verse 1) May the tusk of the Boar-incarnation of the Supreme Being, bearing the earth on its extremity and looking most beautiful like the crescent which is kissed at its cusp by the clouds, protect the worlds.

(Verse 2) May the Sun and the Moon resting (respectively) on the western and eastern mountains during the full-moon evenings and displaying, as it were, (their) former act of being the wheels to the chariot, the earth, of Purari (i.e., Siva), dispel your darkness.

(Verse 3) From the lotus feet of the lotus-navelled god (i.e. Vishnu) was born, for the good of the world, the noble fourth caste, virtuous, illustrious with rich life and divided hundredfold like the sacred Ganges rich with profuse water and split into a hundred branches.

The asuspara is written in the next line.

(Verse 4) In that (caste) was born (a king) named Prolaya-Verna who constructed steps to Srisaila (mountain), who was expert in making gifts mentioned in the work on rituals (Kalpa) by Hēmādri and whose fame was established by his gifts of limitless lands.

(Verse 5) King Vema made the Vrisha (tit. bull, i.e., Dharma) which was one-legged on account of the evil of the Kali age and (so) was limping in his walk, steady in its course by the power of the Vēdas (being chanted with pada and krama) by the Brāhmans to whom agrahāra (villages) had been given.

(Verse 6) I fancy that the names spoken of in other yugas such as Dharmātmaja, Dāśarathi and Prithu are the sacred old names of king Vēma (himself).

(Verse 7) When the Naga women were chanting his (i.e., Prolaya-Vema's) glory, the serpent king, being unable to see the beauty of their faces, which was the root of love, and at the same time listen to the musical composition (sung by them), could not bear (the reputation of) hearing through the eyes.

(Verse 8) When he attacked (the enemy) kings in fight, the crest-jewels of his foes, split by the arrows of him who was (like) Partha in battle, scattered about as though they were the sparks of the fire of his valour.

(Verse 9) From this king Vēma were born as from the eastern mountain, two sons (viz.), prince Ana-Vēta and prince śrī-Anna-Vēma, the protector of the world—who were the receptacles of valour and great splendour, who were equal to the Sun and the Moon in lustre.

(Verse 10) When the hearts of the enemies were broken by the deep sounds of the war-drums of king Ana-Vōta, the sentiment of fear coming from some unknown quarter drove away the spirit of heroism which was there already. It is meet that a powerful (current) of new water drives away the old water.

(Verse 11) The fire lit to the military barracks during the attacks on the palace of the enemy kings, shining with sparks that are the thick drops flowing from the pavement made of gold, looks, by the heat of its great glow, like (hit. puts on the garb of) the golden mountain (i.e., Hemadri) which is combined with its hill ranges and the golden streams and is covered with rows of stars.

(Verse 12) The shrewd (lit. who had wisdom as their support) ministers (of the enemy kings) advise their masters, who were repeating the names of Arjuna immediately after hearing the sound of his (i.e., Ana-Vōta's) war-drums which resembled the sound of thunder, that those military titles of him who was the Arjuna on the battle-field (i.e., Ana-Vōta) should (instead) be repeated always for their protection.

(Verse 13) In the Saka year counted by gagana (0), ibha (8), and surya (12), (i.e., 1280), in the month of Pausha, on a Tuesday which had the darsa (tithi)—during the solar eclipse, king Ana-Vota gladly gave to the Brähmans the village Koduru along with the eight aistaryas and eight bhogas.

(Verse 14) May the village by name Annavõtapuram situated on the banks of the river Malāpahā and given to the Brābmans shine (supreme) as long as the Sun and the Moon (last).

(Lines 33 to 56) The names of the 61 denses with their gotrus and shares are enumerated (see list on pp. 140 fl.).

(Lines 57 to 72) The boundaries of the gift village are specified in Telugu,

(Lines 72 to 77) Three imprecatory verses and a verse stating that the composer of the grant was Bālasarasvatī, the videān of king Ana-Vōta, are given here.

No. 14.—THREE COPPER-PLATE GRANTS FROM MAYURBHANJ.A

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A .- Adipur Copper-plate of Narendrabhanjadeva.

This is a single plate measuring about 11" by 8½". It contains 41 lines of writing engraved on both sides. A circular seal, representing a full-blown lotus, is attached to the middle of the top of the plate. The seal has a diameter of 3½", and on its surface is engraved, in relief, inside a raised circular rim, the figure of a humped bull with that of a small crescent above it, and the legend 'Sri-Nardadrabhañjadērusya' below. There is a floral design underneath the legend. The seal bears a very close resemblance to that of Tribhuvana Mahādēvī of the Kara dynasty.

The plate was discovered in 1927 by a Köl peasant in course of digging a field near the village of Adipur in the Panchpir Sub-division of Mayurbhanj State, and is now preserved in the Mayurbhanj State Museum at Baripada. Mr. K. C. Neogy, the Dewan of the Mayurbhanj State,

kindly sent the plate to me for decipherment, and I am editing it from the original.

The plate is in a fair state of preservation, except a small part of the reverse which is badly corroded, with the result that a few letters in the formal portion of the grant are not legible.

The alphabet belongs to the Northern type and resembles that used in the Pala records of

the tenth century A.D. It contains numerical symbols for 200, 90, 3 and 1.

The language is Sanskrit. With the exception of eleven verses, including the usual imprecatory verses, the inscription is written in prose. Some of these verses are, however, very faulty, and require addition or omission of letters to suit the requirements of the metre. The author's knowledge of Sanskrit was rather poor and there are many mistakes both in spelling and in grammar.

As regards orthography, b and v are not distinguished; the anuscara is represented in some cases by guttural \hat{n} (vanise in line 6), while the final dental n is represented by anuscara (satrām in line 11, bhūpālām in line 15). Consonants are usually doubled after r, but there are exceptions (krimir-bhūtvā in line 29). Some other peculiarities seem to have been due to the ignorance of the author. Mention may be made of the use of t for s (āšit in line 3, Šmara in line 10, prašaktah in line 13, šahila in line 20); of ri for ri (kriyatā in line 32, šriyam= in line 34); of i for \hat{n} (Bhavānišah in line 2, āšit in line 3, šariram= in line 31, kirttayō in line 35); and of u for \hat{n} (purvea in line 17).

As examples of the faulty knowledge of grammar may be mentioned mānis-tyāgir in line 6, uktań-cha ddharmma-śāstrē in line 24, chēta in line 32, and vindu-llēlām in line 33.

The author's scanty knowledge of Sanskrit literature is best exemplified by the way in which the names of gotras and provaras are given in lines 17-18.

The inscription records the grant of the village Vri(Bri)hat-Sārāi in Urtti-vishaya in Khijjinga by king Narēndrabhanja, son of king Vibhramatunga, and grandson of Köttabhanja.

At the end of the record proper, there is a sort of postseript written in smaller characters, referring to a Grant in the same district by Mahārāja Raṇabhanjadēva, son of Vibhramatunga, and,
therefore, a brother of Narēndrabhanja. The date, samvat 293, at the end of the record, evidently refers to this latter Grant. It appears at first sight that after the inscription recording
the grant of Narēndrabhanja was engraved on the copper-plate, a small space remained vacant,

¹ For the sake of convenience the historical materials in all the three Grants have been discussed together in the Introduction to A.

^{*} Cf. e.g., the plate facing p. 425, J. B. O. R. S., Vol II.

and it was subsequently utilised for making a brief record of the other Grant, leading to the natural presumption, that Raṇabhañja was the younger brother of Narēndrabhañja and ruled after him. But some peculiarities in Inscription B, edited below, seem to point to the opposite conclusion.

The donee in the first Grant was Bhatṭaputra Śītaladēva-śarman belonging to Bahvricha-charaṇa, Āśvalāyana-śākhā, and Vatsa-gōtra. The donee in the other case was Bhaṭṭaputra
Trivikrama.

The inscription is of great historical importance as it furnishes new materials for the reconstruction of the history of the Bhañja dynasty. The kings mentioned in it, viz., Kōṭṭabhañja, his son Vibhramatunga, and the two sons of the latter, viz., Narēndrabhañja and Raṇabhañja, belong to what has been called the second group of Bhañja kings by Mr. R. D. Banerji. This group is now known to us from the following eight copper-plate grants, though Mr. Banerji knew only the first three of them.

- Bāmanghāṭi² plate of Raṇabhañja.³
- 2. Khandadēulī plate of Ranabhañja.4
- 3. Bāmanghāṭi² plate of Rājabhañja.3
- 4. Ukhunda plate of Prithvībhañja.5
- Kēśari plate of Śatrubhañja⁶ (re-edited below, C).
- 6-7. Two Ādipur copper-plates of Narēndrabhañjadēva (edited below, A and B).
- 8. Ādipur copper-plate of Durjayabhañjadēva.

The first two Grants now edited (Nos. 6-7) closely resemble Nos. 1-4 and possess all the special characteristics which distinguish them from those of the other Bhañja kings. As a matter of fact the texts of the historical portion of all these Grants (except Nos. 5 and 8) seem to have been derived from a common draft, though slight modifications have been introduced here and there. No. 5 contains some important additions which are not to be found in others, while No. 8 omits altogether the traditional account of the origin of the family.

All these records (except No. 8) begin with a reference to Vīrabhadra, the Ādi-Bhañja or the First Bhañja, also called Gaṇadaṇḍa. He is said to have come out of an egg of pea-hen in the hermitage called Kōṭyāśrama and was brought up by the sage Vaśishṭha. Only No. 5 adds a few more details, particularly that he was the lord of 88,000 villages. All the records (except No. 8) refer next to Kōṭṭabhañja who must be regarded as the first historical king of the

¹ R. D. Banerji, History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 178.

² The Grant is also known as Jamdapir plate from its findspot (above, Vol. XVIII, pp. 300-1).

³ Nos. 1 and 3 were originally edited by Babu Pratāpa Chandra Ghōsha in J. A. S. B., Vol. XL, pp. 161ff., and subsequently re-edited by Babu Nagendranāth Vasu in the Archaeological Survey of Mayurbhanja, Vol. I, pp. 141ff. A stanza engraved on the pedestal of an image, now in the Khiching Museum, refers to a king called Rāyabhañja who may be the same as this king Rājabhañja (Ann. Rep. Arch. Survey, 1922-3, p. 128). But it contains no historical information. According to Mr. R. D. Banerji this Rāyabhañja was a different king (Orissa, p. 183).

Edited by MM. H. P. Sästri in J. B. O. R. S., Vol. IV, p. 172.

⁵ Indian Historical Quarterly, Vol. XIII, pp. 427 ff.

⁶ Ibid., pp. 429 f.

⁷ Below, pp. 172 f.

^{*} For these characteristics cf. Banerji, op. cit., p. 180. Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Vol. XII, pp. 231 ff.

⁹ Ins. No. 8 applies some of these epithets to Ranabhañja.

¹⁰ Mr. Misra, who edits the plate, translates the passage as follows: "..... Virabhadra who formerly was busily engaged by 88,000 sages, and in view of their request Rāmadēva served him and then made him the lord of 88,000 villages". This meaning is very doubtful. The word read as 'muni' is probably 'sūnu'. Cf. C. edited below.

family known to us. The names of the successors of Köttabhañja are, however, given differently in the different plates (Nos. 1-8).

In No. 1 the genealogy is given as follows :-

Köttabhañja Digbhañja Raṇabhañja,

In No. 4 Raņabhañja is said to have been born in the family of Kōṭṭabhañja, and no mention is made of Digbhañja. The son of Raṇabhañja is PṛithvIbhañja. The genealogy may therefore be described as follows:—

Kõttabhañja Raņabhañja Prithvibhañja.

No. 5 gives the following genealogy :-

alogy :—

Kōṭṭabhañja

Dorjayabhañja

Raṇabhañja

Satrubhañja

(yuvarāja) Narēndrabhañja.

In No. 6 the genealogy is given as follows :-

Köttabhañja | Vibhramatuñga

Ranabhañja.

Narendrabhañja.

In No. 7 we find the same genealogy, though the relationship of Ranabhañja with the other kings is not clearly stated.

No. 8 gives us the following genealogy:-

Mahārājādhirāja Raņabhañja

Vibbramatunga

(yuvarāja) Kottabhañja.

The genealogies given in Nos. 2 and 3 have been interpreted differently and a short discussion is necessary to explain the different points of view.

No. 2 mentions Köttabhañja, his son Digbhañja, and the latter's son Ranabhañja, and so far it agrees with No. 1. But after Ranabhañja it adds two more names in the following passage: tasya ch-ö(au)payī(i)k-ātmajaḥ śrī-Prithvibhañja-suta-śrī-Narēndrabhañjadēvō bhūtaḥ. In addition to the two emendations noted within brackets, MM. H. P. Šāstrī, who edited the record, made a further emendation by omitting the visarga in 'ātmajaḥ'. He, therefore, translated the passage as follows:—

[&]quot;His reputed son Prithvībhañja, whose son Narendrabhañja was born."

Mr. C. C. Das Gupta differed from this view and offered the following translation :--

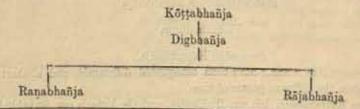
"And his (Ranabhañja's) ' aupayika', i.e., adopted son is Narendrabhañja, the son of Prithvībhanja, i.e., Ranabhanja adopted as his son Narendrahbanja, the son of Prithvībhanja".1 In view of the two new Grants, Nos. 4 and 5, the interpretation of MM. H. P. Sastri appears to be preferable. Apart from this there is a further difficulty; for the exact connection of Narëndrabhañja with the record is not quite clear. MM. H. P. Sästri says that Prithvibhañja was not a son born in lawful wedlock, but may have been one of the twelve classes of sons allowed by Hindu law', and he suggests that 'Ranabhanja made the grant on the occasion of the birth of a grandson named Narendrabhañja '. On the other hand Rai Bahadur Hiralal is of opinion that the Khandadëuli plate really records a grant of Narëndrabhanja and not of his grandfather Ranabhañja. Mr. R. D. Banerji differs from this view and accepts that of MM. H. P. Sastri. But the fact that the seal of the plate contains the name Narcadrabhanja' supports the view of Rai Bahadur Hiralal. A further argument may be cited in support of this view. The dones of this grant is the great-grandson of Bhattaputra Trivikrama. No. 6 records a grant by king Ranabhañja to Bhattaputra Trivikrama. If these two identical names refer to the same person it is more likely that the donor of No. 2 is a grandson of Ranabhanja rather than Ranabhanja himself.

In No. 3 the name of the successor of Köttabhañja and the father of Rājabhañja who issued the Grant has been read as Raṇabhañja both by Mr. Pratāpa Chandra Ghosh and by Mr. Nagendra Nath Vasu who edited the plate. This reading has been generally accepted, and it gives us the following genealogy:—

Köttabhañja Ranabhañja Rajabhañja

This genealogy has been reconciled with that given in Nos. 1 and 2 by supposing that the name of Digbhañja, son of Köttabhañja and father of Ranabhañja, has been omitted through oversight.

Mr. C. C. Das Gupta has justly drawn our attention to the fact that the word 'Ranabhanja' cannot be read on the published facsimile. The first letter is undoubtedly 'ra' but the other letters cannot be clearly read, and in any case there is no 'na' following 'ra'. He suggests that this word was misengraved for Digbhanja and constructs the following genealogy from Nos. I and 3.4



¹ Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Inc., Vol. XH, p. 235.

² Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 293.

^{*} Op. cit., p. 183. Curiously enough, on the preceding page Mr. Banerji says : " The actual grant was made by Narcodrabhañja ".

⁴ Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 293, f. n. 1.

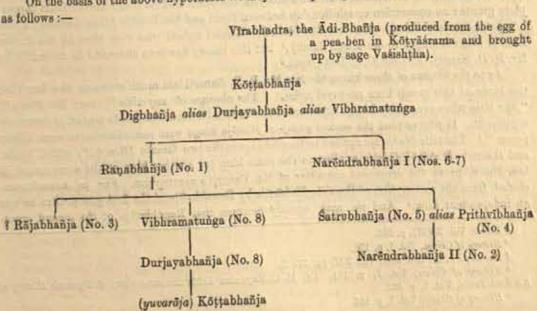
Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, pp. 234-5.

At first sight the different genealogical accounts seem to be hopelessly conflicting and any attempt to reconcile them may justly be regarded as a vair and fruitless task. But there are some points of agreement in the majority of records which might give us a clue to the ultimate solution of the problem.

All the records are unanimous, firstly, in their accounts of the origin of the founder of the family, Vīrabhadra, from the egg of a pea-hen in the hermitage of Vasishtha known as Kötyāsrama; and secondly, in regarding Köttabhañja as the first historical ruler. Here the unanimity ends. But with the exception of Nos. 3 and 4 all the other records represent Ranabhanja as the grandson of Köttabhañja, and as the statement in No. 4 is not in conflict with this view, we may accept it as an established fact. The name of the father of Raņabhañja is given as Digbhañja in Nos. 1 and 2, Durjayabhañja in No. 5, and Vibhramatunga in No. 6. There would thus appear to be three different kings bearing the same name Ranabhañja. But on the other hand we should remember that all of them ruled in Khijjinga, and all of them evidently were contemporaries, being grandsons of the same king. This is specifically proved in respect of two of them as they issued Grants in the years 288 (No. 1) and 293 (No. 6). Three grandsons of the same king, bearing the same name, and ruling in the same locality at the same time (or at least within a few years of each other), may not be theoretically impossible, but must be regarded as very unusual indeed. We may, therefore, reasonably infer the identity of the three kings bearing the name Raņabhanja. This would imply also the identity of Digbhanja, Durjayabhanja and Vibhramatunga, though it must be regarded as very unusual that the same king should have been referred to by three different names in the official records of the family.

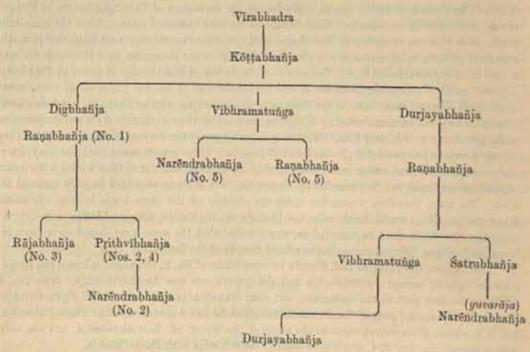
Then, again, according to MM. Sästri's interpretation of No. 2, Raṇabhañja had a son (aupayika or reputed) named Prithvibhañja and the latter's son was Narëndrabhañja. Now No. 4
confirms the first part of the statement, viz., that Raṇabhañja had a son called Prithvibhañja,
and No. 5, the second part of the statement, viz., that he had a grandson called Narëndrabhañja.
No. 5, however, gives Satrubhañja as the name of the father of Narëndrabhañja, and the only
way of reconciling Nos. 2, 4, and 5 is to identify Satrubhañja with Prithvibhañja.

On the basis of the above hypotheses we may draw up the genealogy of the family tentatively



Although this genealogy of the family cannot be regarded as finally settled, the above represents, I believe, the most reasonable inference that can be drawn from the data at present available to us.

If we reject the proposed identifications, and treat the kings with different names as so many different persons, the resulting genealogy would be as follows :-



It is unnecessary to discuss here the history of the other Bhanja kings known from copperplate grants; no connection or relationship between them and the Bhanja kings discussed above has yet been established. The late Rai Bahadur Hiralal upheld the view that all the known Bhanja kings belonged to one single family,1 but this theory has been shown to be untenable by Mr. R. D. Banerji² and Mr. C. C. Das Gupta.³

As to the status of these kings, the late Mr. R. D. Banerji laid much stress on the fact that the kings of this group bore no royal titles. "The absence of any title", says Mr. Banerji, " at a time when even petty kings had assumed the imperial titles of the Gupta period, is extremely significant. It proves that the second group of Bhanja kings were subordinates to some higher power".4 The title Mahārāja applied to Raṇabhañja in the two Grants (Nos. 6, 7) edited below. and the title Mahārājādhirāja applied to the same king (or another king of the same name) in Ins. No. 8, prove the erroneous character of Mr. Banerji's assumption. For he himself concluded, from the assumption of the title Mahārāja by Raṇabhañja of the first group, that he was an independent king. And we may equally presume that Ranabhañja of the second group

Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 286.

^{*} History of Orians, Vol. I, p. 179.

² Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, pp. 231 ff.

^{*} History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 181. Dr. H. C. Ray also holds the same view, of Dynastic History of Northern India, Vol. 1, p. 423.

^{*} History of Orisan, Vol. I, p. 166.

was also an independent king. Indeed in this respect the fact that a ruler issues land grants with a distinctive royal seal of his own is a far stronger evidence in support of his status as a de facto independent ruler than mere assumption of royal or imperial titles. It would be more reasonable, therefore, to regard the Bhañja kings, who issued royal charters with their own seals, as independent rulers, at least for all practical purposes, irrespective of the question whether they assumed royal and imperial titles or not.

The Grant No. 5 refers to Vîrabhadra as Chakravarti-samah or 'like an emperor', gives the titles 'Mahāmandal-ādhipati-Mahārājādhirāja-Paramēšvara' to Satrubhanjadēva, and calls him the lord of eighty-eight thousand (villages). This is also an indication of the power and inde-

pendence of the Bhañja kings of this group.

As to the period when these kings flourished we have two specific dates of Ranabhañja, riz., Samvat 288 (No. 1) and Samvat 2931 (No. 6). The era to which these dates are to be referred is not easy to determine. Mr. B. C. Mazumdar held that the alphabets of the records could not be earlier than the tenth century A.D., and referred the year 288 to the Ganga Era, which began according to him in 778 A.D.* This view was accepted by Mr. R. D. Banerjia and Mr. C. C. Das Gupta.* Many scholars, however, now hold that the spech of the Ganga Era is to be placed in the sixth century A.D. or at the close of the fifth century A.D.* Accordingly, king Ranabhañja has to be placed towards the close of the eighth or in the ninth century A.D. Mr. Binayak Misra refers the date to the Harsha Era.* That would place Ranabhañja towards the close of the ninth century A.D. The palaeographic evidence, as noted above, does not militate against this view.*

Assuming that the Harsha era was used, the date of the present Grant would be A.D. 899, and Ranabhañja must bave been on the throne during the years 894-899 A.D. The rule of the Bhañja dynasty of Mayūrbhanj from Köṭṭabhañja to Narēndrabhañja II may thus be placed between 850 and 950 A.D.

Utkala or Orissa was conquered by Devapala in the first half of the ninth century A.D. This must have brought about the political disintegration of the kingdom, and as soon as the Pala power was weakened by the middle of the ninth century A.D., local feudal chiefs found a good opportunity to carve out independent kingdoms for themselves. The rise of the Bhanja family to power may be explained in this way.

The Capital of these kings was undoubtedly Khijjinga, modern Khiching (situated about ninety miles to the west of Baripada the present Capital of Mayurbhanj) which contains extensive ruins and has yielded a large number of fine medieval sculptures. All the Grants, except Nos. 5 and 8, refer to Khijjinga as the place of residence of the king. The village granted in No. 5 is situated in Urtti-vishaya, and this district, according to the present Grant, was included in

¹ The numerical symbol used to denote 200 is 'lu'. Kielhorn, in his List of Northern Inscriptions, expressed a doubt about the correctness of this interpretation (Above, Vol. V. App. p. 88, n. 6). Bühler's chart, however, gives the value 200 for the symbol (Pi. IX, Col. XVIII). Subsequently, Kielhorn also changed his view and took the symbol as denoting 200 (Above, Vol. VI, p. 134). This is now generally accepted (History of Orissa, Vol. I, p. 181).

² J. B. O. R. S., Vol. II, p. 361.

³ Op. eit., p. 181.

^{*} Annals, Bh. Or. Res. Ins., Vol. XII, p. 245.

Indian Culture, Vol. IV, pp. 171 ff.; J. A. H. R. S., Vol. V, pp. 272-4; Ind. Ant., Vol. LXI (1932), p. 237.
 I. H. Q., Vol. XIII, p. 437. Mr. Misra says that this was also the view of Kielhorn. He does not, how-

ever, give any reference, and I cannot find any in support of this statement.

^{*} Bühler in his Palacographic Chart places the alphabet of the Bämanghäti Ins. of Ranabhafija in the 9th century A.D. (Plate IX, Col. XVIII.)

Khijjinga (Khijjinga-pratibaddha). The villages granted by the records seem to indicate that the kingdom of this group of Bhañja kings corresponded roughly to the present states of Mayūrbhanj and Keonjhar which are still ruled by chiefs bearing names ending in Bhañja. The name Mayūrabhañja undoubtedly preserves the tradition that the Bhañja family originated from the egg of a mayūrī (pea-hen), and the legends that the ancestor was born out of an egg of pea-hen and nursed by the sage Vasishtha are to be found in the records of the present ruling family. It is, therefore, very probable that the present Bhañja chiefs are descended from the group of Bhañja kings referred to above.

An attempt has been made to connect this Bhanja family with the famous Maurya clan, and even to identify Vîrabhadra, the traditional founder of the family, with the Maurya emperor Chandragupta. The suggestion which rests mainly on the following grounds was first made by Mr. B. Misra while editing No. 5² (re-edited below as C.).

 The Mayūra-origin of the family really indicates an association with the Moriya clan, Moriya being the Prākrit form of Mayūra.³

2. According to the Pāli Mahāvagga, the dominion of Bimbisāra embraced 80,000 townships. It is needless to say that the same dominion was included in the empire of Chandragupta. Evidently the lordship of Vīrabhadra over 88,000 villages (as recorded in No. 5) has some similarity with that of Chandragupta.

3. Ganadanda, the epithet of Vīrabhadra, means Republican Chief and signifies one whose army consisted of individuals combined for a definite object. If taken in this sense, Vīrabhadra may be supposed to have raised an army as Chandragupta did to overthrow the Nanda dynasty.

The arguments are wholly unconvincing. As regards the first, it refers merely to a totemic conception, and we need not necessarily find any historical allusion in it unless there are other valid grounds for doing so. As regards the second, the inference rests palpably on a very weak foundation. As to the third, Ganadanda has been interpreted by Rai Bahadur Hiralal as an officer of some Gana or Hindu Republic. He takes it to be an abbreviated form of Ganadandanāyaka or Gana-dandanāda, i.e., either a minister or a commander of army. There is no justification for going further beyond this.

Of the localities mentioned in the inscription other than Khijjinga, Kōtyāśrama, the reputed hermitage of Vaśishtha where Vīrabhadra was born, has been identified with Kuting, thirty-two miles from Bāripadā. Urtti-vishaya may be identified with a village called Urti in the Keonjhar State, about twelve miles to the north-west of Khiching, on the right bank of the river Vaitaraṇī. There is a village called Sorai near Urti, and this may represent either of the two villages, Bṛihat-Sārāi and Svalpa-Sarāyi mentioned in the Grant. It is not also impossible that both the names referred to two parts of the same village distinguished by the prefixes brihat and svalpa (i.e., big and small) and that this entire village is now represented by Sorai.

¹ While recently visiting the Museum at Bāripadā, I noticed the following documents: (1) Copy of a Sanad granted by Mahārājā Vīravikramādītya Bhañja in 1121 Amli (i.e., 1713-14 A.D.) in which the ancestor of the royal family is said to have been born of an egg of pea-hen and nursed by the sage Vasishtha. (2) A letter from the ruler of Talcher addressed to Lakshmi Nārāyaṇa Bhañja, ruler of Mayūrbhanj (1660 A.D.) containing reference to the same legends. Upēndra Bhañja, the famous poet of Orissa, who flourished about the end of the seventeenth century A.D., refers to these legends in respect of the kings of Mayūrbhanj.

² I. H. Q., Vol. XIII, pp. 420 ff.

^{3 [}It may be pointed out that mora is the Pkt. form of mayura and Moriya that of Maurya,-Ed.]

⁴ Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 289.

^{*} Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 300. But Mr. P. Acharya, the archaeologist of the Mayurbhanj State, rejects this identification on the ground that there are no remains of antiquities in the place.

^{*}I am indebted to Mr. P. Acharya, the State Archaeologist of Mayarbhanj, for the information about the discovery of Plates A and B and for the identification of villages mentioned in them,

The fact that the villages are situated on the right bank of the Vaitarani river, in the State of Keonjhar, is of great importance, as it proves that at least a part, if not the whole, of this state was included within the dominions of the Bhanjas of Mayurbhanj in the ninth or tenth century A.D. This in a way lends some support to the local tradition recorded by Hunter that Keonjhar originally formed part of Mayurbhanj and was formed into a separate state about two centuries ago.1

The two copper-plates (Nos. 6 and 7) now edited being clearly engraved, enable us to correct some mistakes and remove some doubts about the reading and interpretation of the records of this group of Bhanja kings. MM. H. P. Sastri, while editing the Khandadeuli plate claimed to have corrected some mistakes. "For instance," observed he, "my predecessors read Kotyāsrama, but my plate distinctly says Kautsāśrama. They read the same word Suladanda in one plate and Searnadanda in another, but it is really Galad-anda, the breaking egg". The present records confirm the reading Kötyäśrama and show beyond doubt that the other word is really Gana-danda, which also seems to be quite clear on the estampage of the Khandadeuli Inscription. In the three published records the adjective 'Khijjinga-Köttaväsi' is applied to Ranabhañja and it has been taken to mean that the king was usually resident in Khijjinga. The corresponding expression in the present records is Khijjinga-kött-adhivasat meaning that the Grant was issued from Khijjinga. This is the more usual expression used in land-grants, and there is hardly any doubt that it was the original form which was misconstrued in others.

TEXT.

[Metres: vv. 1-4, 6, Aryā; v. 5, Vasantatilakā; vv. 7-9, Anushtubh; v. 10, Drutavilambita; v. 11, Pushpitägra.

Obverse.

- Om² svasti []*] Sakala-bhuvan-aika-nāthō
- Bhavō Bhavāni(nī)šah | vividha-samādhi-vibhava-bhaya-bhidurô
- 3 dhijnah sarvvajno vah Šivāy=āstu | [1||*] *Āši(sī)t-Kotyāšrama-ma-
- hā-tapōvanāt=māyūr-āṇdam bhit[t*]vā Gaṇa-daṇḍa-Vīrabhadr-ākhyaḥ
- Vasishtha-muni-palito
- 5 pratipaksha-nidhana-dakshō tih | [2] * Tasy-Adi-Bhañja-van(varh)ŝē mānis*-tyāgīr*-adaņdakah khyā-
- tah [I*] sūrah suchir-vvinīto |* jāta[h*] srī-Kōt(tt)abhañj-ēti || [3 ||*] Pu-
- tras-tad-ānurūpa? [6 šrēshthah śrīmān-mašaksha6-sāmantah [1*] nri-
- ári. Vibbramatungo jagat-prathipati-šat-ārchchita-charaņō
- tah || [4||*] Tasy=ātmajah Śma(Sma)ra-samō va(ba)lavān=varishthah śūrah
- 11 [samuna]nta10-yašāh pravijitya šatrūrh(n) | rājā Yudhisthira

Expressed by a symbol.

² Hunter's Orissa, Vol. II, App. III, p. 86.

In this verse the words Kötyd irama-maha-tapoeanat must be left out in order to suit the metre. Read Asin mäyür-ündam etc.

A Read mani.

^{*} Read tyagi.

^{*} Danda unnecessary.

Read =twl-anurapah.

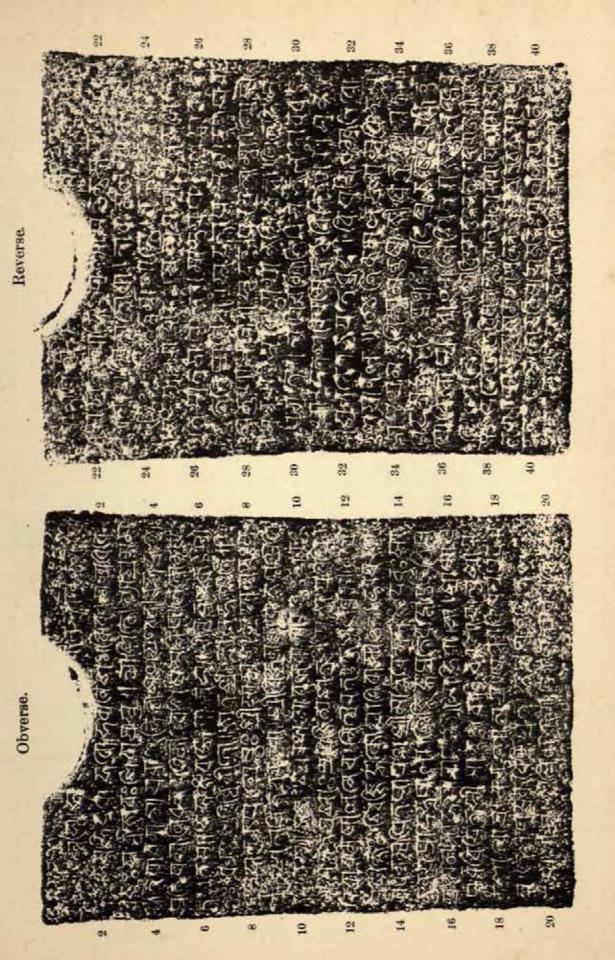
^{*} This is probably a mistake for asamkhya. " Omit set as in B for the sake of the metre.

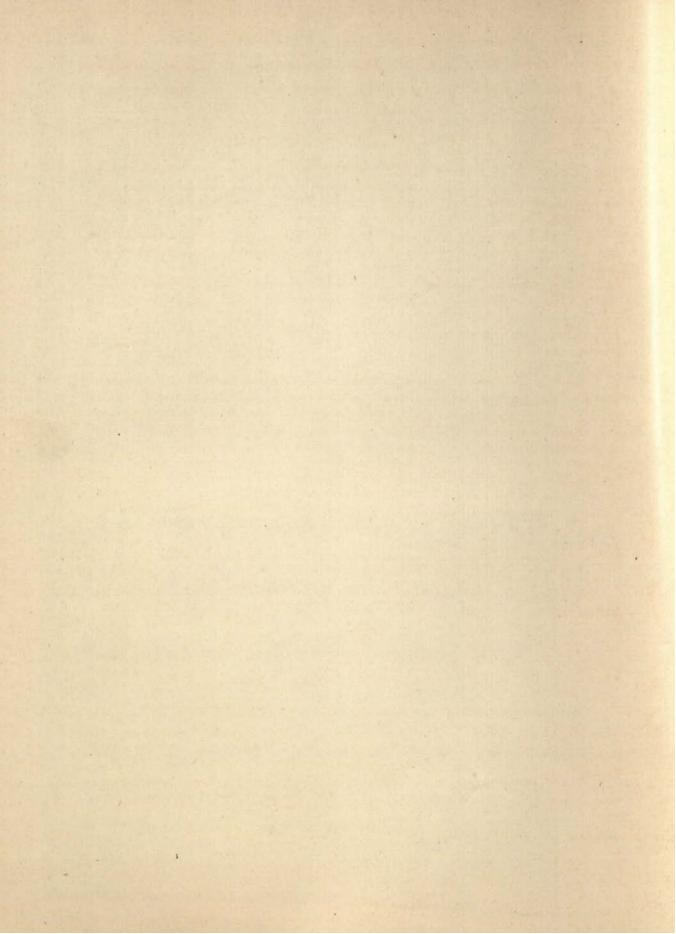
¹⁰ Read sumunnuta as in B below.

- 12 riv=āvani¹-pālanē cha | a nityam ratah kusala-karmma-vidhau
- 13 praša(sa)ktah [||5||*] Khijjinga-kött-adhivasat | Hara-charan-a-
- 14 radhana-kshapita-papah | śriman=Narendrabhanja-devah s-a-
- 15 nunayam praha bhūpalam(lan) I [6]*] Khijjinga-prativaddhō(baddha) Urtti-visha-
- 16 ya-sammandha*-Vri(Bri)hat-Sārāi-grām-ābhidhānō | grāmō-yam
- 17 pu(pū)rvva vidita-sīmāntaḥ | Vāvbhi*-charaṇāya | Ašlāya-
- 18 na†-śākhāya | Vachchha*-götrāya | pañchā-rirshaya*-pravarā-
- 19 ya |2 Tilapudraka-vinigrata10. |2 bhattaputra-Si(Si)talaideva}-
- 20 [śa]rmmanāya¹¹ (* śa(sa)lila-dhārā[m*) puraskrity=ākaratvējna vā

Reverse.

- 21 ..[māttā(tā)]-pitror=ātmana
- 22ndato=smābhiḥ puṇyasētun=dadāya¹² [|*] yāvatspri-
- 23 [thvi]dharmma-dākshinya(nya)tō vā l tāvat-kālam-pāla[nīyō]
- 24 bhavadbhih [||*] uktañ-cha ddharmma13-6astrē | Va(Ba)hubhir-vvasudbā dattā
- 25 rājabhis-Sagar-ādibhih | yasya yasya yadā bhūmifs* | ta-
- 26 sya tasya tadā phalam(lam) || [7||*] Mā bhūya phala-ŝańkā vah para-
- 27 dat-ēti pārthivām | svadattā phalam-āntam para-
- 28 datt-anupalanēts || [8|*] Sva-datta para-dattām=vā | vo harēti
- 29 vasundharām¹⁸ i sa vishthāyām krimir-bhūtvā i pitribhih sa-
- 30 ha pachyatë || [9||*] api cha[||*] Kshitir-iyam kulat-ëva va(ba)hu-
- 31 priyā | hata-śari(rī)ram-idañ-cha vini(na)śma(śva)ram(ram) | su-kri[tam]
- 32 adya na chēta¹⁸ kri(kri)yatē dhruvam l² vipadi dhakshyati vō=
- 33 nuśay-ānalah | [10]*] Iti kamala-dal-āmvu-vindu-llő-
- 34 läm¹⁷ śri(śri)yam=anuchintya manushya-jivitañ=cha | sakala-
- 35 m=idam=uddhritadbhi¹⁸ vudhvām¹⁹ | na hi purushai[h*] para-ki(ki)rtta-
- 36 yō vilōpyām(pyāḥ) || o || [11||*] Likhitam Rājakula-Hēra-
- 37 mvē(mbē)ņ=ēti || o || Šrī-Vibhramatunga-sutēna Mahārāja-śrī-Raņa-
 - 1 Read iv=deuxi-.
 - 3 Danda unnecessary.
- The dands is unnecessary; to suit the metre we have to read kella-shald-Dhara-, or Khijjinga-kellassis as in other inscriptions.
 - 4 Omit dera for the sake of the metre,
 - * Read sambaddha -.
 - * Read Bahericha ..
 - 2 Rend Abulayana.
 - * Read Vatea ..
 - · Rend Pancharshi ..
 - 10 Read viningata ..
 - 11 Read -sarmmant.
- 11 Perhaps the correct reading is dallo-smalbhib pusya-sel-adayaya. [The text from milla to bharadbhib seems to form a verse in Salini metre,—Ed.]
 - 32 Read dharmma
- 14 Read Må bhūd aphala-šankā vah para-datt-žti pārthivāh I sva-dattāt-phalam-ānantyam para-datt-ānup4.
 - 13 Rend Sea-dattam para-dattam va po hareta vasundharam.
 - 18 Read mkritam=adya na chēt.
 - 17 Rend Iti kamala-dal-ambu-bindu-lotain.
 - 18 Read udáhritai=cha.
 - 10 Read buddhed.





- 38 bhañja-dêvêna Uratti-vishay-antahpāti Svalpa-Sarāyi-grāmah sali-
- 39 la dhārā[m*] puraskritya tāmra-śāsanēna bhaṭṭaputra-Trivikramāya pra-
- 40 dattah ato bhavishyad-rajabhih palaniya iti [1]
- 41 Samyat 200 90 3 Phälguna va di 1 likhitam kulaputraka-[Yaksha.....]3

TRANSLATION.

Oth seasti. (Verse 1) May the omniscient Bhava (Šiva), who is the sole protector of all the worlds, the destroyer of the fear of re-birth, the lord of Bhavani, and conversant with the rules of the various modes of meditation,—bring you prosperity.

(V. 2) There was a king called Ganadanda (an officer in a republic?) Virabhadra, skilful in killing enemies, who burst out of an egg of a pea-hen in the great hermitage, called Kötyäśrama,

and was brought up by the sage Vasishtha,

(V. 3) In the family of this first Bhanja (king) was born śri-Köttabhanja, who was highly honoured, liberal, famous, brave, pure, and modest, and was averse to inflicting punishment (adandaka).

(V. 4) Then there was his worthy son fri Vibhramatunga, who was famous in the world, most excellent, and endowed with beauty; who had numerous feudatories, and whose feet were wor-

shipped by hundreds of kings.

(Vv. 5-6) His son śrimān Narēndrabhañjadēva—who was like cupid (in appearance), strong, weighty, and brave; who had acquired fame by defeating enemies; who, like king Yudhishthira, was constantly engaged in protecting the earth, and was extremely fond of performing good deeds; and whose sins were expiated by the worship of the feet of Hara;—from his residence at the fort of Khijjinga says respectfully to the kings:

(I.l. 15-21) (There is) a village called Brihat-Sārāi, in the district (vishaya) of Urtti, situated close to the city of Khijjinga. This village, the boundaries of which are already known, is granted by me, free of rent, for the sake of (the religious merits of) my mother, father, and myself, with libations of water, to Bhattaputra Sītaladēvašarman an emigrant from Tilapudraka and belonging to Bahvricha-charana, Āśvalāyana-śākhā, Vatsa-gōtra, and having the five rishis as his pravaras (or the noble ancestors).

(Ll. 22-35 contain the usual imprecations.)

(L. 36) Written by the Rājakula Hēramba.

(Ll. 37-40) By Mahārāja-śri-Raṇabhañjadēva, son of śri-Vibhramatunga, the village of Svalpa-Sarāyī in the district (vishaya) of Uratti has been granted to Bhattaputra Trivikrama, after sprinkling water and by a copper-plate deed. So this should be upheld by the future kings.

(L. 41) The year 200 (and) 90 (and) 3; (the month) Phalguna; the dark fortnight; (the

lunar) day 1.

Written by Kulaputraka Yaksha.

B.—Ādipur Copper-plate of Narendrabhañjadeva.

This is a single plate measuring about 10.6" by 8.8". It contains 38 lines of writing engraved on both sides. The engraver at first deliberately left a margin of about 3 inches at the top on the reverse side, but later, as the inscription could not be contained in the remaining part, he engraved the concluding portion in this space with the letters written in an opposite direction. This is a very natural and common method in letter-writing of the present day, but seems to be

Read att.

^{*[}There seem to be only two letters at the end; the reading may, therefore, be Yakahên-eti.-Ed.]

rather unusual in respect of engraving copper-plates. The original plate contained a circular projection at the middle of the top, and to this was later soldered a circular seal with a diameter of about 3°. It bears the legend "Śrimān=Narī(rē)odrabhañjadevasya" in a single line. Above the legend are the figures of a crescent with a conch below, and underneath it is the figure of a humped bull above a floral design, resembling those in the Plate A noticed above. The edge of the seal is turned up so as to form a raised rim all round. A portion of the back of the seal had to be out away, as otherwise some letters, already engraved on the reverse of the plate, would have been hidden by it. This is an important and interesting point. For, as in Plate A, this portion of the plate contains, like a post-script, a short record about the donation of king Ranabhañja. It is obvious that it was not a later addition, but was already engraved before the royal scal was attached.

The plate was found in the possession of one Sira Das of the Adipur village, the same person from whom Plate A was obtained. According to the statement of Sira Das it was found some eighty years ago, and kept concealed in a house which was washed away by the flood of 1927 and hence abandoned. It was again brought to light some six years ago while digging the earth in that deserted plot. The plate is now in the Museum, at Baripada. The Curator of the Museum, Mr. P. Acharya, who supplied me with the above account, kindly gave me the plate on loan, and I am editing it from the original.

The plate is in a fair state of preservation, except that a small portion of the edge, on both sides, along the length of the plate has been corroded, with the result that some letters at the beginning and the end of a number of lines have been rendered indistinct or altogether effaced.

The language is Sanskrit and the alphabhet closely resembles that used in Inscription A. As a matter of fact the record is a close copy of that record with a few modifications. The only important additions are: (1) some additional conventional concessions in the formal portion of the grant (II. 16-17), and (2) one additional imprecatory verse (II. 29-30). These are, however, well-known phrases and occur in other Orissa records and the verse occurs in another grant of this family (cf. C below).

The author's knowledge of Sanskrit was rather poor, though he has avoided some of the glaring mistakes of A. As the errors and orthographic peculiarities in the two records are very similar, these need not be noticed in detail.

The inscription records the grant of the village Sarapadraka in the Kērakēra-vishāyā by king Narēndrabhañja whose genealogy is given in the same words as in A. The donee, whose name I doubtfully read as Bhaṭṭa Dēvadēvadāma¹, migrated from Oḍra vishāyā and was evidently associated (in a manner which is not quite clear) with the village Rāmaparkaṭi in the Khijjiṅga-maṇḍala². The grant was made on the day on which the summer solstice began (Ravisaṅkramaṇa-vilāyām). The second record, at the end, refers to the grant of a village by Raṇa-bhañja. The name of the village may be doubtfully read as Pāḍēvā, but there may be another letter at the beginning.

Of these localities Kērakēra is still the name of a village in Ghoshdapir in Ādipur Pargaņā, situated about twelve miles to the South-South East of Khiebing. It is shown as Kerkera in the Indian Sheet Atlas (Scale I'=4 miles, sheet 73 G). Near by is a village called Soras in the same sheet and this may be the same as Sarapadraka. The village called Saradaha in Karanjia Pargaṇā may also be the modern representative of Sarapadraka. Rāmaparkati may be identified with the village called Ramasahi in Kiapir in Joshipur Pargaṇā. I am unable to identify Pāḍēvā. The

^{1 (}See p. 160, n. 10 below.-Ed.)

² [To me it appears that the donce was a resident of the village Rāmaparkati in Khijjinga-mandala and that he originally halled from Allavadraha, a Brahmin village (? Bhatta-grāma) in the Odra-rishaya,—Ed.]

mention of Odra-vishaya is very interesting, showing that the name which was afterwards applied to the whole province was as yet confined only to a small region and originally denoted only a small district.

The history of Narendrabhanja and his predecessors has already been discussed. As noted above, the inscription also records, at the end, the grant of a village by Bhañja Mahārāja-Raṇabhañja. The word immediately preceding this seems to be clearly naptā or grandson. Unfortunately, the word of three letters before napta, although very clearly engraved, cannot be read with certainty. The first and third letters are 'a' and 'va', but the letter in the middle is a peculiar one, and looks like sai or stai, none of which, however, gives any sense. In any case, for the present, Ranabhañja of this short record must be identified with king Ranabhañja, a similar short record of whom is engraved at the end of Plate A. It is very curious that a short record of this king was in both these instances added as a sort of post-script to the record of Narendrabhanja. In the present case, at any rate, we are tolerably certain, by the position of the last few letters of the plate in respect of the back part of the seal, that the whole record was engraved before the seal was attached, i.e., during the reign of king Narendrabhauja. The only reasonable conclusion seems to be that Rapabhañja was a predecessor of Narendrabhañja, and an earlier grant made by bim. perhaps to the same donee or to his family, was repeated in brief at the end at the latter's request, so that the same plate might serve him as a charter for both the grants.

One peculiarity in the text of this grant requires special mention. In all the copper-plate grants of this family of kings, the word kusali or kusalinah, generally added as an adjective of the king in the prose portion, immediately after his proper name, is omitted, and in most of them the words s-ānunayam prāha bhūpālān take the place of the usual verbs mānayati bōdhayati samādi šati. In the present grant we have all these three combined, with the exception only of samadisati.

Attention may be drawn to the expression Siva-charana-saroja-shatpada (1. 13) used with reference to Narendrabhanja. The corresponding expression in A is 'Hara-charan-ārādhanakshapita-pāpah ' (Il. 13-14). These prove that king Narēndrabhañja was a devoted worshipper of Siva. The invocation to Siva at the beginning also shows that the family was Saiva. The discoveries at Khiching fully corroborate this. The finest image uncarthed from the ruins at Khiching is that of a standing Siva which was no doubt installed in the main temple whose magnificent ruins have been laid bare by recent excavations.

TEXT.

[The metres are noted above in connection with A, but the verses 2 and 3 are defective as some words have been left out as pointed out in the footnotes.]

Obverse.

- 1 Svasti [*]
- 2 Öm² namö Avighnëśvarāyaḥ² || Sakala-bhuvan-aika-nā-
- 3 thō bhava-bhaya-bhidurō Bhavō Bhavānı(nī)šaḥ [1*] vividha-samādhi-vi-

It is difficult to believe that Rauabhania of the postscript grants in A and B was a predecessor of Narandrabhanja. It is not impossible that a portion of the back of the seal of B had to be cut away to make room for the last line of the subsidiary record for which no other space was available. In ii. 36-37 B clearly states that the subsidiary grant was inserted in the original grant (Classian Sea Staune prakshippe). The dust of writing in these additional grants is quite different from that of the original grants. The writer in the two additional grants appears to be the same person, rir., Yakahadatta and the donor is also the same Racabhadja in both. The reading in 1. 25 of B. is desire samptra. If desires stands for asystrice, the person referred to must be the first ruler mentioned in the original grant, i.e., Köttabhañja whose grandson Ranabhañja was. - Ed.]

^{*} There is a symbol preceding Om.

- dhijno(juah) sarvajno vah sivay=astu | [1]* Asi(si)t-Kotyasrama-
- mahatapovanan mayur-andam bhitva Gana-danda-Virabhadr akhya(h*) [*]
- ksha1 -nidhana-dakshō Vasishtha-muni-pālitō nripati[h*] | [| 2|*] Tasy Adi-Bharh-
- ja-vańśś(vańśś) māni(nī) tyāgi(gī) adaņdaka[h*] khāta(khyātah) [(*] jātō(tah)* śrī-Kōtṭabhamio-pi [| 3 ||*]
- Putras tad-anurupah éréshthah ériman-asanksha(samkhya) samantah | nripati-éa-
- t-ārchchita-charano Vibhramatungo jagat-prathitah [[4 [*] Tasv-ātmajah
- 10 Sınara-samö va(ba)lavân=varî(ri)shthah śūrah samunnata-yaśā yudhi ni-
- 11 rjjit-ārih⁵ | rājā Yudhisthira iv =āvani-pālanē cha nityam ratah
- 12 kuśala-karmma-vidhau praśa(sa)ktah [[5]*] Khijjinga-kött-ādhivūsakāt [[*]
- Aśi(si)-dhār-ārjjita-kīrttih Siva-charaņa-saroja-shatpadah śrī[mā-
- n] | ripu-vanitā-vaidhavya-da-Narēndrabhañja-kuśali(li) jagata(t)-khyā[tah | *]*
- sānunayam prā[ha*] bhūpālān yath-ārham mānayati vo(bō)dha[ya]ti Kērakē-
- ra-vishaya-prativa(ba)[ddha]-Sarapadraka-grāmas-chatuh-sīmā-paryantah ś-ö-
- pari(n)kara-s-öd(dd)ēša-sa-tantravāya-gö-kūţa-šauņdi(ņdi)k-ādi(di)kam prā-17
- 18 [kṛi]tika-sarvva-pidā-varjjit-ālēkhani(nī)-pravēšatayā bhūmī(mi)ehehhī(ehehhi)dr-ā-

Reverse.

- pi(bhi)dhfā]na-nyāyēn-āchandr-ārkka-kshiti-sama-ka(kā)la[m*] mātā-pitrōr-ātmanah [ya]-19
- śah-puny-abhivriddha[yē] | Odra-vishayē Bhattagrāma Āllavida . . . 20
- nirggatah Khijjinga-mandalasya Rāmaparkaţi-grāma-šāsa 21
- Vyavbhricha-charanāya Vatsa-götra-pañchārshaya Ya(Ja)madagnī(gni)-pravara(rāya) 22 bhatta-
- bhatta-[Vaddha]kā11dāma-suta(sutāya) Ravisankramana-D[ē*]vadēvadāma(h)10 vēlāyām
- hast-ödakéna támra-sűsanikrity-akshaya-ni(ni)vi-dharmmén-akaratvé-
- na pratipāditō-'smābhih || tad=ēś(sh)=äsmad-[d*]attir=ddbarmma-gauravād=bha-
- vadbhih paripālani(nī)yā uktañ-cha dharmma-sā(śā)strē []*] Va(Ba)hubhir-vasudhā da-26
- ttā rājabhih Sagar-ādibhih | yasya yasya yadā bhūmi[s*]-tasya tasya tadā 27
- phalam(lam) [6 |*] Mā bhuh(bhūd-a)phala-śańkā va[h*] para-datt-ēti pārthivāh I sva-dattāt phalam -ā-
- nantyam para-datt-ānupālanē i [| 7 ||*] Sva-dattā[m] para-dattām-vā(ttām vā) | 12 yō harēta 29 vasundharāth(rām) [*]

To suit the metre omit Köfydåruma-mahatapõvandn: as in A.

Read bhitten. There is a sign after this which is redundant,

Read pratipakaka as in A, the first three syllables of which have obviously been dropped through mistake in this record.

^{*} The words surah suchis evisité occurring in A have been left out before juté(tab) through inadvertence.

A has pravifitya katrūm(n).

^{*} This seems to be a verse in Gili metre.

I To me the reading appears to be All'teadraka-sinirpostab(tāya).—Ed.]

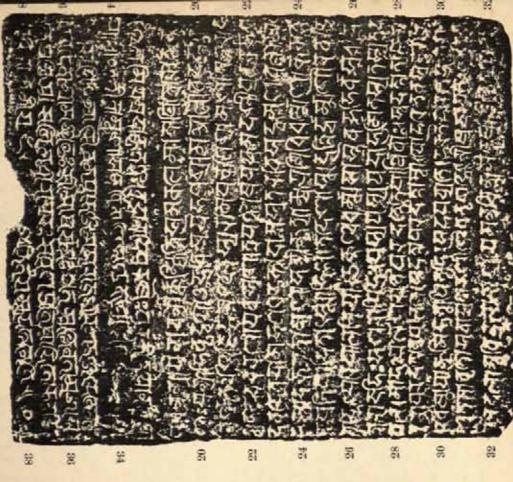
^{*} Read Bahericka. [Reading after grāma seems to be sāsusta-vāstavya-Va(Ba)hericka-. Sāsasta may be * mistake for Manna in which case Ramaparkati, the residence of the dones, would be an agrahars or a gift village.-Ed.]

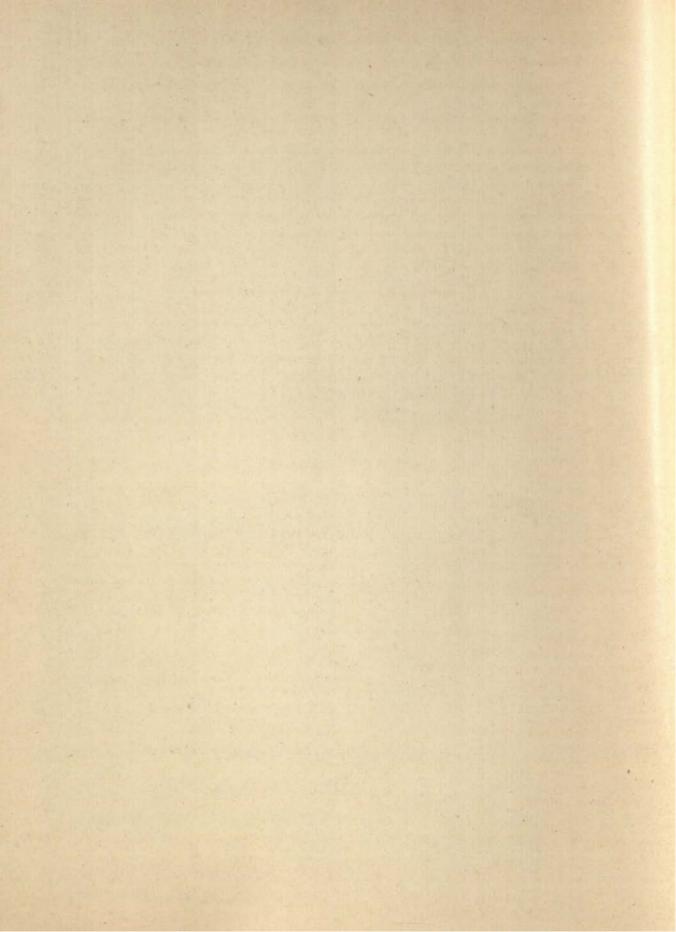
[&]quot; Read paicharshi or paich-arshiva.

in [I think the name of the donce is Decadimen. The syllables Dura at the beginning of the line seem to have been wrongly written and may be considered superfluous. Read Decadamie. -Ed.]

¹¹ The reading of this name is very doubtful.

¹² Danda unnecessary.





- 30 sa vishthāyām kṛimi[r*]=bhūtvā pitribhih saha pachyatē | [18 ||*] Haratē hāratē(yēd) bhūmim [manda]-
- [bu*][ddhi][s*]=tamā(mō)vṛitō(taḥ) [|*] sa va(ba)ddhō vāruṇī-[pā*]śā=ēva tṛigayyōnī shu¹ jāyatē | [19 ||*] Iti ka-
- mala-dal-āmvu(mbu)-vi(bi)ndu-lolām śrī(śri)yam=anuchintya manushya-[jīvitañ=cha] [l*]
- [saka]lam=idam=udāhritañ=cha | vuddhā(buddhvā) na hi purushaih para-kīrttayō³ vilō-
- pyāḥ | [10 ||*] Itī(ti) tāmbra4-śāsana-vitāṇi-bhāṇḍa kāryyaḥ5 ||
- Ōme svasti [|*] āsaiva [na]ptā Bhanja-mahārāja-śrī-Ranabhanjadēvēna
- Pādēvā8-grāmaś=chatuḥ-sīmā-paryantaḥ ētasma(smi)nn=ēva tāmra-śāsa-
- nē prakshipya salila-dhārā-puraḥsarēṇa pratipāditō bhavadbhiḥ 37
- paripālanīyah | khanitam Yakshadattēn=ēti ||

C.—Kēśari Copper-plate of Śatrubhañjadēva.

This is a single plate measuring $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$. It contains twenty-four lines of writing engraved on both sides. A circular seal, a little more than 21 in diameter, is attached to the middle of the top of the plate on its longer side. It contains one line of legend with the figure of a couchant bull below, and there are figures of a trident and a crescent respectively on the upper right and upper left of the bull. The edge of the seal is turned up so as to form a raised rim all round.

The record was first published with a text and English translation by Mr. Binayak Misra in Indian Historical Quarterly, Vol. XIII, pp. 429 f. and 431. According to him it was discovered by a Ho servant of Arjun Giri at Kēśari, 10 miles north-west of Khiching. The plate is now in the Bāripadā Museum. I am indebted to Mr. P. Acharya for having kindly lent the original plate for re-editing it.

The plate is in a good state of preservation. The alphabet belongs to the Northern type and resembles that used in Plates A and B edited above. The language is Sanskrit. As regards metre, orthography, and the author's knowledge of Sanskrit, the remarks made in connection with Plate A apply equally well in this case, and detailed notices are unnecessary.

The inscription records the grant of the village of Syallamayi in the Urtti district by Mahamandalādhipati-Mahārājādhirāja-Paramēśvara Satrubhañjadēva, lord of eighty-eight thousand (villages). He was the son of Ranabhañja, grandson of Durjayabhañja, and great-grandson of Köttabhañja. Reference is made to Vīrabhadra's birth, as in Plates A and B. Some additional information is, however, given about this Vîrabhadra in Il. 3-5 which is not to be found in the other records of the family. The exact meaning of the passage is obscure, as the grammatical construction seems to be faulty. It begins with a reference to Vîrabbadra's eighty-eight thousand sons (and not sages as interpreted by Mr. Misra). What follows seems to indicate that on account of the prayer of these sons Vîrabhadra was protected (sēvitah) by Rāmadēva and made lord of eighty-eight thousand villages.9 Rāmadēva is no doubt the god Rāma. The phrase 'Rāmadēvēna

¹ Read vārunaih pāśais=tiryyag-yönishu.

² Danda unnecessary.

There is a superfluous na after yō.

The reading of the word is very doubtful. The word vitāni-bhānda can be clearly read but offers no meaning. There is a letter ka written just below the space between the last two letters.

⁶ Expressed by a symbol.

⁷ The second letter looks like sai but the word offers no meaning. [See above, p. 159, n. 1.—Ed.]

⁸ A letter may have been effaced at the beginning of this line,

⁹ [According to my reading only one son, who was protected by Rāmadēva, seems to have been favoured with this gift. See p. 162 n. 13 below.-Ed.]

sēvitah' can therefore be hardly interpreted as 'served by Rāmadēva' as translated by Mr. Misra. According to the dictionary, the root 'sev' also means 'to protect,' and I have taken that interpretation. The word 'vyāpitah' is also a difficult one. I think v is a mistake for dh (which resembles it very closely) and the word 'dhyāpitah' has been used to indicate that the eighty-eight thousand sons were made to perform meditations (dhyāna) in order to please Rāmadēva and obtain the boon from him,

The very important and far-reaching conclusions of Mr. Misra based on the above data have already been discussed above. The only other information of historical character supplied by the record is the mention of two members of the royal family viz., Anakahdevi (perhaps a mistake for Anakadēvī), the chief queen, and Narendrabhanja, the Yuvaraja (ll. 12-13), and of a number of officers (ll. 13-14).

Attention may be drawn to the expression Bhagavad-bhattaraka-Sankaram samuddisya occurring in ll. 14-15. The reference may be to the great Samkaracharya in whose honour the gift was made, though it is possible to take it in the ordinary sense to refer to God Siva. In the latter case, however, the form ordinarily met with, is ' Bhagavat-Śiva [Nārāyana or Buddha]-bhattāraka.

As to the localities mentioned, Urtti-vishaya has been discussed above. I am unable to identify the village Syallamayi. Mr. Misra reads the name of the village as 'Llamayi' remarking in a footnote that 'sya' is unnecessary. I do not see any reason to uphold this view.

TEXT.

Obverse.

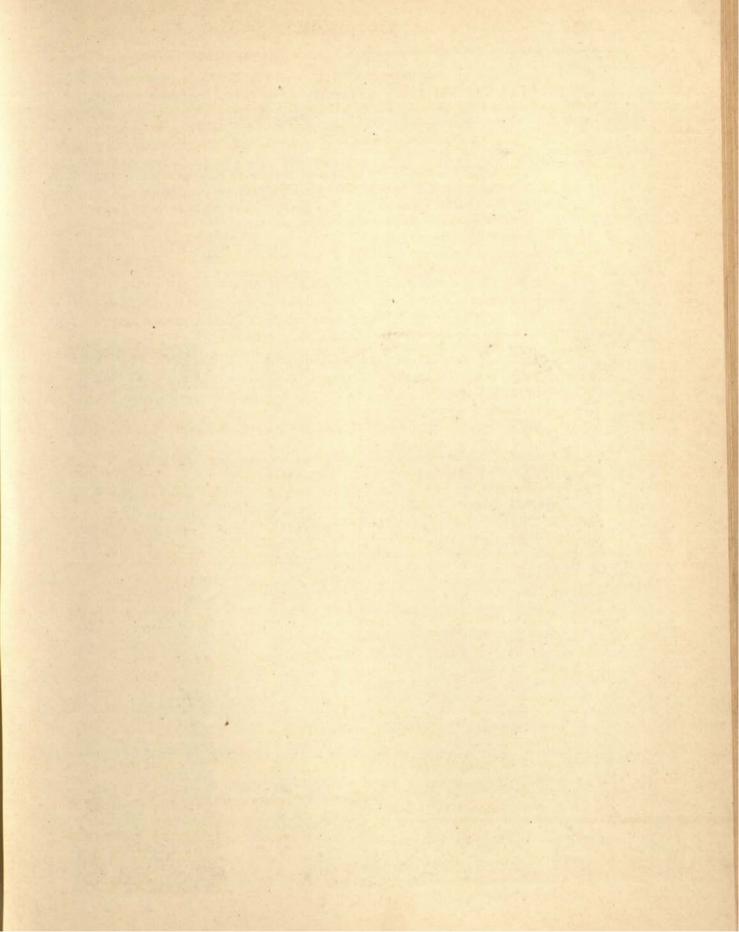
- 1 Om² svastih3 []*] Sakala-bhuvan-aika-nāthō bhava-bhaya-vi(bhi)durō Bhavō Bhavāni-(nī)śa[h|*] vivi-
- 2 dha-samādhi-samādhi-vi[dbi*]jňah sarvva*jňō vah si(si)vāy=āstu | [||*] Āsīta(sit)* Kōttāśrama(mō) nā[ma]7
- 3 tapō-dhishthānam=uttamam's [1*] mayūr-āṇd-ōdbhava[s*]=tasmāta(d=) gaṇa-daṇdō Vio(Vī)rabhadr-ākhyah10 [|| 2 ||*] Ashtāśī-
- 4 ti-sahasrai[h*] sūnubhi[h*]11 vyāpitah12 purā [l*] tēshān=tu prā[r]thanām drishtvā Rāmadēvēna sēvitas(tah) [|| 3 ||*] Tatō=13
- 5 shtāšīti-sahasra14-grāmasy=ādbipatiķ kritaķ [1*] chakravi(va)[r]tti15-sama(maķ) sarvvapādōnancha vasthiti16 [14 | *]

- * The second samādhi is redundant.
- M. reads sarva (M. denotes Mr. Binayak Misra).
- M. reads āśīt, but the word actually engraved is āśīta.
- 7 M. reads Kötyāśrama-mahā..
- 8 M. reads uttama[m].
 - There is no sign of medial i on v as M. reads.
- 10 This pāda conforms to the fourth pāda of an Aryā metre. This is apparently due to its being copied verbatim from the other records.
 - 11 M. reads sahasrais=tu mu[ni*]bhib. [I would read -sahasrais=tu [sū*]nubhi[r=].—Ed.]
 - 12 M. reads vyāpih.
 - 13 [To me the reading appears to be sevita(tah) [| *] Suto= .- Ed.]
 - 14 Read -sāhasra- as the sixth syllable in this pāda should be long.-Ed.]
 - 15 M. reads °varti.
- 16 M. reads sarvo pādonaūchanasthitah. Perhaps the word intended is sarvv-opādānāū=ch=āvasthitiḥ- [But this would make the pada short by one syllable.-Ed.]

¹ See p. 154 above.

²Expressed by a symbol.

³ Read svasti.



C.—Kesari Copper-Plate of Satrubhanjadeva.

Obverse.

SEALS. (From Photographs).

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SOALE: TWO-THIRDS.

6 pratipaksha-nidhana-dakshō Vašī(ši)shtha-mu[ni*]-pālitō nripatih li. A:(A)dibhanjah ripu-dahana2-da-

vānalah | śaraśvatirvvinitto jātah | Śri-Kottabhañja-suta-māndalika-sa(śa)t-ārchchita-

ņa-kamalah | śri-Dū(Du)rjayabhañjadēvô-bhūta(t) [1] tasy-ātmajah su(śu)chih pratāpi(pi) kiriltajnah satva-

śri-Ranabhańjadevo= 9 vādīs Hara-charan-ajrā*ldhana-tatparah guru-dēva-pūjakah 'bhūta(t) tasy=ā-

- 10 tmajah surah pratapi(pi) nirjjita-satruh satya-dharm-ajn]vitah Yudhishthira-samah prajapālana-ta-
- 11 tpara[h*] Mahāmandalādhipati-Mā(Ma)hārājādhirāja-Paramēšvara[h*] ashtāšīti-sahaśraa(sr-ā)dhipa-
- 12 ti[h*] | śrī-Satrubhañjadēva-pādaih* | mā(ma)hādēvi(vī)-śrī-Anakahdēvi(vī) || ju(yu)varājā(ja)-śrī.
- 13 Narindrabhañja | sandhivigrahi-śri-Prajāpati[h*] | mudrahasta-śri-Bhi(i)ma[h*] | pratihara - śri-Manorathalh 1 | pura-
- mātā-pitarō"r=ātma[na*]ś=cha* | 10 dharmma-yashō(śō)-vri[d*]. 14 árðahtbi ári-Vishnudattah dhayen | Bhagavata(d)-bhattaraka-Sanka-
- 15 ra[m]12 samu|d*|dis[ya] Urtti-visa(sha)ya-prativa(ba)ddha-Syallamāyi13-grāma(mah) sajala-sthala(lah) chatu|h*|sīmāvatsina14
- 16 sa-vitapa-latā [18 Madhya16dēsa(ša)-vina(ni)rgata-bhattaputra-Nārāyanasya pautrāya bhattaputra-Cha-
- krapānisya14 putrāya | Bhattaputra-Dandapāni19 | Kaŭsi(Kauśi)ka-sagotrāya triyārishaya18-pra[va*]raya18 | 120
- 18 Vasishtha-göträya Vasishtha-pra[va*]räya | tämbra*1-sä(śä)sani(nī)krita(tya) pradat-[t*]5=smābhih [[*] Bhūmi[m*] yah pratigrihņā-
- 19 ti 10 yas-cha bhūmi[th*] prayachebhati | ubhau ttauz punya(nya) karmmanau niyatan** svargga-gaminau | [5 |*]

M. reads sareapapa, but the word satyaeadi is quite clear.

M. reads pades. The correct form should be padas.

7 M. reads Pratibari.

* Rend -pitror=

* M. reads pitararātmasya.

10 Danda unnecessary.

11 M. reads dharmayasa(io)bhibridh(ddh)ayi.

11 M. reads Bhagasantam bhattarakam Sankaram.

13 M. reads "yi.

14 Rend .sim-arachchhinnah.

16 Read opaneb.

15 M. reads madha .. 17 Read "panayé.

18 Read tryarshéya -.

18 M. reads scho after it, but I find no trace of it. [As there seems to be only one dones the goard and provers.] mentioned first were probably engraved by mistake and later corrected as found in l. 18.—Ed.] 21 Read tamen.

¹ This forms half of a verse in Argu metre. See A, v. 2.

The initial vowel is a and not à as M. reads.

³ M. reads dalang.

^{*} M. reads * largicution/mitto and emends it as Sargreats-nimitto. There is no doubt that the phrase intended is surah suchir reinito as in A. I. 7.

²⁰ Dundas unnecessary.

⁼ Read tou.

²² Read nigutaris.

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Reverse.

- 20 Ānandanti¹ pitara[ḥ*] prava[lga]nti* pitāmahā[h*] [i*] bhūmi-dātā kulē jātā ssami-trātā bhaviśya(sya)-
- 21 ti* | [16 ||*] Haratë harayatë(yëd=)yas=tu manda-vudhis*=tama(mō)vritah* | sa va(ba)ddhō Vāruņē pāśā triyaga* yō-
- 22 nisu(shu)* jāyētē* i [17]*] Sva-dattā[m*] para-dattām=vā yō harēta* vasundharā[m i*] sa vishthāyā[m*] krimira* bhūtvā**
- 23 pitribhi¹² saha pachyatē | [i 9 ||*] Sva-dānāta¹³ phalam=āṇantam̄¹⁴ para-dat[t*]-ānu-pālanē[i*] sashthi-varisha-¹³
- 24 sahaśrā(srā)ni svarggē modati bhūmidah | [10*] ||16

No. 15.-AN INCOMPLETE GRANT OF SINDA ADITYAVARMAN: SAKA 887.

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Of the two leaves of a set of copper-plates, which are edited here for the first time, the first is from the collection of the late Mr. G. K. Chandorkar, a well-known researcher of Khāndesh. It is now deposited in the Rājwāde Samšödhana Mandala, Dhūlia. The second plate was found in the collection of the Bhārata Itihāsa Samšödhaka Mandala, Poona. No definite information is available regarding the original findspot of these plates, but they were probably discovered somewhere in the Poona District of the Bombay Presidency.¹⁷ They are edited here with the kind permission of the authorities of the two Institutions in which they are now preserved.

They are the last two plates of a set which must have originally consisted of three or four copper-plates. The initial one or two plates, which probably contained a glorification of some ancestors of the donor, are not now forthcoming. The present plates contain a hole ‡ in diameter at the top, which indicates that the plates were held together by a ring. But the ring together with the seal, if it had any, is now lost. The plates measure from 9.5 to 9.7 broad and from 7.5 to 8.2 high. The first plate weighs 66 tolas and the second 444 tolas.

- 1 M. reads dephalayanti. The usual expression is dephalayanti.
- 3 M. reads pragalbhanti.
- * M. reads the passage as follows: bhūmi-dàtā kulč jāta(b*) sa na[s]-trātā bhavishyati. This is undoubtedly the correct form, (cf. Manhall Copper-plate line 53, J. A. S. B., 1900, pp. 66 ff) but not the correct reading of the text.
 - * Read -buddhiss.
 - * M. reads tomovritas which is undoubtedly the more usual form.
 - * Read tiryag ..
 - * M. rends tiryag-yönau [sa] jäyaté.
 - * Read jayatt.
 - " M. roads to harat.
 - 18 Read krimir ...
 - 11 M. reads brimirbbbüted.
 - 12 Read pitribbib. This is M's reading.
 - 18 Read -dânāt.
 - 14 Read anantyam. M. reads anantam.
 - 15 Read shashti-varsha-.
 - as There is one ornamental mark between the two sets of dandas.
- 17 As shown below, the donated village is in the Poons District. Another Sinds copper-plate, dated Saka 233, has been recently discovered at Narsyangaon near Junnar in the same district.

The extant portion of the inscription, which is in a state of excellent preservation, contains fifty-two lines of writing, of which sixteen are engraved on the first and seventeen on the second side of the first plate. The second plate has nineteen lines inscribed on one side only. characters are of the Nagari alphabet. Several letters appear in a transitional stage and exhibit more than one form each. Besides, the record was written in a cursive hand and engraved in a careless manner, several strokes being left out. The reading of a few aksharas, especially in lines 32-33 and 51-52, is consequently not free from doubt. As regards individual letters, attention may be drawn to the forms of kh in Bhim-ākhyō, l. 1 and śākhō, l. 28, the former of which has a loop in the left limb, while the latter is without it. Similarly the letters q, m, n and r present looped and unlooped forms, see, e.g., q in garvohasthō, l. 5 and nagara, l. 10; m in chimtamani, 3 and vismaya, I. 18; n in janānām, I. 4 and sēnāpati, I. 9 and r in jarad-, I. 12 and guna-rāśi-, II. 1-2. The several forms of the palatal s seen in sri-, I. 2, guna-rāsi-, II. 1-2 and āśrita, II. 3-4 and of v in vilolah, 1. 19 and ev=aikah, 1. 21, are also noteworthy. The left limb of dh is undeveloped, bh and h are almost identical in shape, and ph is drawn cursively, see samadhigat-, 1. 6, Bhim-ākhyō, l. 1, mahōdadhiḥ, ll. 4-5 and phanindra l. 7. Finally, the record exhibits here and there the use of the prishtha-matras to denote medial diphthongs.

The language is Sanskrit. The inscription is composed in a good style, but contains several mistakes due to careless writing. The extant portion contains one incomplete and ten complete verses in II. 1-5, 17-21, 40-45, and 48-51, the rest being in prose. As regards orthography, the only points that call for notice are the use of the vowel ri for ri in āšrita, II. 3-4 and that of the for b as in mahāšavda, I. 6 and the reduplication of a consonant following r as in kuhara-vartti, I. 14 and gandharvva-, I. 16.

The inscription is one of the Sinda king, the Mahāsāmanta Ādityavarman, who had obtained all mahāsabdas and was born in the lineage of Drishtivisha, the lord of Nāgas. The object of it is to record the grant, by Ādityavarman, of a village named Kinihikā which was included in the (larger) village Pangarikā and was situated in the Rāmatīrthikā-Eightywas included in the (larger) village Pangarikā and was situated in ll. 33-35, are mentioned a four. Among the boundaries of the village, which are specified in ll. 33-35, are mentioned a layana-giri (hill containing cells) which bounded it on the west and a river named Indra which flowed on its north. The donee was the Brāhmaṇa Navaśiva, son of Chandrabhatta, who belonged to the Kaundinya-gōtra and was a student of the Bahvricha-śākhā (of the Rigvēda). He had emigrated from the Madhyadāśa. The grant was made by Ādityavarman, while residing at Junninagara, on the occasion of a solar eclipse which occurred on the new-moon day of Chaitra in the expired Saka sarivat 887, the cyclic year being Krōdhana. The date is regular. The expired Saka 887 (corresponding to A.D. 965-66) was Krōdhana according to the southern luni-solar system and there was a solar eclipse on the amāvasyā of the pauraimānta Chaitra. The corresponding Christian date is Monday, the 6th March A.D. 965.

The genealogy of Adityavarman which was given in the initial portion of the record is now almost wholly lost. The extant portion of the record contains only two names, wiz., Bhima and his son Muñja, the grandfather and the father respectively of Adityavarman. About Muñja we are told that he was superior to (another) Muñja in merits. It is not clear who this latter personage was. The reference can scarcely be to the homonymous king of the Paramära dynasty, the celebrated poet and patron of Sanskrit learning; for he was not a contemporary of

¹ The verse in Il. 17-19 occurs also in the Bhādāna grant of Aparājita, Saka 919, above, Vol. III, pp. 273-74.

J. A. H. R. S., Vol. XII, pp. 141ff.

Ādityavarman's father and had not in fact ascended the throne even at the time when the present record was incised. His father Siyaka was ruling in V. S. 1029^{1} (i.e., A.D. 972-73) and was, therefore, on the throne for at least seven years after the issue of the present charter. It is not, therefore, likely that Munja was already so famous in A.D. 965 as to induce the author of the present record to institute a comparison between him and the father of Ādityavarman. The name of one other Munja, who also belonged to the Sinda family, is known from his Tidgundi plates, but he belongs to a much later age, as he was a feudatory of Vikramāditya VI of the Later Chālukya dynasty.

As said above, Ādityavarman belonged to the Sinda family and claimed descent from the Nāga lineage. He had on his banner the figure of a golden lion. As he does not claim a higher title than *Mahāsāmanta*, he was plainly subordinate to some paramount power. His suzerain was probably the powerful Rāshṭrakūṭa king Kṛishṇa III, for whom, it is interesting to mention, we have a record bearing the same date as the present record, viz., 6th March A.D. 965.*

The Sindas, Chhindas or Chhindakas of the Nāgavamśa are known from several earlier and later records. Most of these come from the Kanarese districts of the Bombay Presidency and Mysore and Hyderābād states, while some are found in the Bastar state of the Central Provinces. Legendary accounts of the origin of the family are furnished by some later inscriptions. Thus, according to the Bhairanmaṭṭi stone inscription the eponymous founder of the family was a certain long-armed Sinda, who was born from the serpent king Dharaṇēndra at Ahichchhatra in the region of the river Sindhu and reared by a tiger. According to another account Sinda was born from the union of the god Śiva and the river Sindhu and was brought up by the king of serpents on tiger's milk. It seems, therefore, that the original habitat of the family was somewhere in North India, probably in the valley of the Indus. Many of these Sinda or Chhinda kings call themselves Bhōgavatī-pura-var-ādhīśvara the lord of Bhōgavatī, the best of towns'. The exact location of Bhōgavatī is not settled, but according to the Navasāhasānkacharita of Padmagupta it was situated to the south of the Narmadā, perhaps in the Bastar state.

From their original home in North India several branches of the family migrated to the South and established themselves in different parts of the peninsula. According to one account the aforementioned Sinda married the daughter of a Kadamba king and had by her three sons who established the family of Sinda kings. This Sinda was probably a feudatory of the contemporary Kadamba king and seems to have been ruling somewhere in the Kuntala kingdom. The Jāvali plates? of the Western Ganga prince Śrīpurusha-Prithivī-Kōnguni speaks of a Sindavishaya which, according to Mr. Rices, extended over parts of the Dhārwār, Bījāpur and Bellary Districts. Another account states that the long-armed Sinda, the founder of the family, settled in the Karahāṭa-Four-thousand province, which evidently comprised the territory round Karhāḍ established at Bāgaḍagē (Bāgalkōṭ in the Bombay Presidency), Erambaragē (Yelburgā in the Nizām's Dominions) and Chakrakōṭya¹¹ (in the Bastar state).

¹ See Dhanapāla's Pāialachchhīmālā, verse 198.

² Above, Vol. III, pp. 306 ff.

³ Ibid., Vol. XXI, p. 262.

⁴ Ibid., Vol. III, p. 231.

⁶ Op. cit., p. 232.

⁷ Ep. Carn., Vol. VI, p. 151.

Ibid., Vol. VI, Introd., pp. 7 ff.

⁹ Above, Vol. III, pp. 230 ff.

¹⁰ J. B. Br. R. A. S., Vol. XI, pp. 219 ff.

¹¹ Above, Vol. IX, pp. 174 ff.

⁶ See Ind. Ant., Vol. LXII, pp. 103 ff.

Most of these Sinda or Chhinda families distinguished themselves from the 10th to the 12th centuries A.D. as feudatories of the Later Chālukyas. But some we can trace to earlier times. The Nēsari plates of the Rāshtrakūta Govinda III, dated Śaka 727, mention a prince named Nāgahastin who was an ornament of the great Chbinda family and belonged to the lineage of the lord of serpents. The family of Adityavarman also was, as we have seen, a feudatory family which probably owed allegiance to the Rashtrakūtas.

We have not so far come across records of the Sindas or Chhindas earlier than the age of the Rashtrakutas. But that does not mean that these families rose into prominence for the first time in the ninth century A.D. As we have already seen, the founder of the family was a contemporary and probably a feudatory of the Kadambas. He must, therefore, have lived in the fifth or sixth century A.D. when the Kadambas were powerful in the South. As a matter of fact we find in that age a family with the analogous name Sendraka which was subordinate to the Kadambas. The territory under its rule was called Sendraka-vishaya. From the statement in the Bennur grant2 that the Kadamba king Krishnavarman II made the gift of a village in the Sēndraka-vishaya while on a victorious march to Vaijayantī (modern Banavāsi in North Kanara), it is conjectured that the Sendraka-vishaya lay not far from the Banavasi kingdom. It is generally identified with the Nagarakhanda division of the Banavasi-Twelve-thousand which from another inscription3 is known to have been under the rule of the Sendrakas. It was thus contiguous to, if not identical with, the Sinda-vishaya mentioned above. The Sendrakas appear first as feudatories of the Kadambas,4 but on the downfall of the latter they transferred their allegiance to the Early Chālukyas of Bādāmi, with whom some of them had become matrimonially connected.5 When Pulakēśin II conquered Mahārāshtra and Lāṭa from the Kalachuris, he placed a trusted Sēndraka chief named Bhānuśaktis in charge of part of the conquered territory, viz., Southern Gujarāt and Khāndesh. Grants of land7 made by Bhānuśakti's grandson Allaśakti have been discovered in those parts of the country. Later on he was ousted from Southern Gujarāt, but he and his son continued to rule in Khandesh. The latest record of the Sendrakas found in Khāndesh is the Mundkhēdē copper-plate inscription⁸ of Allasakti's son Jayasakti, which is dated Saka 602 (A.D. 680).

The inscriptions of the Sēndrakas do not generally connect their family with any eponymous hero, but the Lakshmēśvara stone inscription states that they were of the bhujagēndr-ānvaya or 'lineage of the king of serpents'. It seems, therefore, that the Sendrakas came in course of time to be called Sindas or Chhindas; for, besides similarity in their names, the two families claimed descent from the same race and in some cases ruled over the same territory.

¹ G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediaval History of the Deccan (Marathi), Vol. I, pp. 15 ff.

² Ep. Carn., Vol. V, pp. 594 ff.

³ See the Balagamve inscription of the time of Vinayaditya, Ind. Ant., Vol. XIX, pp. 142 ff.

⁴ See Hälsi grant of Harivarman, Ind. Ant., Vol. VI, p. 31.

b The Sendraka prince Śrīvallabha Senānandarāja was a maternal uncle of Pulakēśin II, above, Vol. III.

⁶ No records of this chief have so far come to light, but as his grandson Allasakti was ruling in A.D. 653 and 657, Bhānuśakti has to be placed in the first quarter of the seventh century A.D. He was thus a contemporary of Pulakēśin II.

⁷ One of these was discovered at Bagumrā in South Gujarāt and two in Khāndesh. See New Ind. Ant., Vol. I, p. 747. Bühler gives this chief's name as Nikumbhallaśakti, but Nikumbha was only a biruda. It is used as such with the name of Allasakti's son Jayasakti also. The recently discovered Sendraka plates spell the chief's name as Nikumbh-āllaśakti. See New Ind. Ant., Vol. I, p. 747.

This record was first published in the first volume of the Marathi magazine Prabhata of Dhulia. See also the An. Rep. of the Bharata Itihasa Samshodhaka Mandala, for Saka 1834, pp. 169 ff.

[&]quot; Ind. Ant., Vol. VII, p. 106. This record is, however, held to be spurious.

After Jayasakti we have no records of the Sendrakas from Maharashtra. After the lapse of nearly three centuries we get the present grant of the Sinda family. It is not known if the family of Adityavarman was connected with any other Sinda families. But we may note that the names Bhīma and Munja, which occur in the present record, figure again as names of Sinda feudatories in the Tidgundi plates of the time of Vikramāditya VI. The similarity of names suggests some sort of connection between the two families. The present plates state that the banner of Adityavarman had the figure of lion on it and it is noteworthy that the seal of the aforementioned Tidgundi plates also contains a figure which Kielhorn took to be that of a tiger or a lion.1

As the provenance of the plates is not known, it would have been difficult to identify the localities mentioned in them, but the mention of the Indra river and a layana-giri among the boundaries of the donated village affords an important clue. The former is evidently identical with the Indrayani river which forms the northern boundary of the Poona tālukā. The donated village Kinihikā is probably identical with Kinhai situated on the south bank of the Indrayani near Shelārwādi, about 16 miles North by West of Poona. There are some caves to the west of it.2 Its situation therefore exactly answers to the description in the present plates. Pangarikā cannot, however, be traced in its vicinity. Rāmatīrthikā, the headquarters of the subdivision in which Kinihikā was included, is probably identical with Rāmatīrtha where Ushavadāta made certain gifts to Brāhmaņas as recorded in a Nāsik cave inscription.3 The latter is taken by some to be a holy kunda situated in or near Surparaka4 with which it is mentioned in the aforementioned inscription. But the description in the present plates shows that it was the headquarters of a small subdivision of eighty-four villages and must have been situated not very far from Kinhai. No place of that name can, however, be traced now in its neighbourhood. Junninagara, where the king's camp was pitched, is probably identical with Junnar,5 a well-known place about 55 miles north of Poona.

TEXT.6

First Plate; First Side.

भ[१॥*[तत[स्व]नजव⁹ भोमाख्यो

उदपादि ततः

¹ Above, Vol. III, pp. 307.

² There are about twenty caves at or near Shelārwāḍi, all of about the first or second century after Christ. Bom. Gaz., Vol. XVIII, p. 212; Cave Temples of India, p. 246.

³ Inscription No. 10, above, Vol. VIII, p. 78.

⁴ As the inscription reads Sörpäragē cha Rāmatīrthē, Bhagwanlal and following him Senart take Rāmatirtha to be the modern Rămakunda reservoir în Sopara (see Bomb. Gaz., Vol. XVI, p. 572, n. 3 and above, Vol. VIII, p. 79). But the draftsman of the record has offended against Sanskrit grammar in other places also. Dr. R. G Bhandarkar translates the above expression as 'in Sörpäraga and Rämatirtha' (see his Collected Works, Vol. III, p. 24) and Bühler as 'at Rāmatīrtha near Śōrpāraga' (see Arch. Surv. West. Ind., Vol. IV, p. 100).

R. G. Bhandarkar suggested that Junnar was derived from Jirnanagara (i.e., 'old town'). See Collected Works, Vol. III, p. 60.

From the original plates.

⁷ As stated above, this plate was originally the second or third plate of its set. It is now preserved in the Rājwāde Samśōdhana Mandala, Dhulia.

^{*} Read satrūnām=ati-durjayah. Metre of this and the next verse: Anushtubh.

^{*} Read tatas=tanujo.

- जगुणा[धि]क: ॥[२॥*] ग्रहितकुलकालकेतुः चिंतामणिरा-
- मृ(त्रि)तजनानां(नाम) [।*] चादित्यवर्धातनयोभूत्ततो धेर्थमहो-
- द्धिः ॥[३॥*] यथ गर्भस्थोराचाम[य]वितगर्भ[ह]ना[स्ना] ग्र[प]रे-
- ण प्रख्यात: । तदसी समधिगताग्रेषमहा[ग्र]व्द(ब्दो) महाषा(सा)-
- मंत(तो) दृष्टी(ष्टि)विषफणीन्द्रवंशोद्भव[:*] सिन्दान्वयप्रसृत[:*] [स्व]ण्र्णम-
- यसगेन्द्रध्वज[:*] जुगली जुनित(न)गरावस्थितश्रीमदादित्यवर्माः
- सर्वान्खसंव(व)ध्यमानकान् महामात्यसि[ना]पितमहासाह[सि]-
- कराज[पु]चनगरग्रामस्थान(न्) पौरविस्त्रिज्ञक⁴ग्राम[क्र्]टनि-10
- युक्तानि[यु]क्तप्रधानाप्रधानन⁵ । समनुवी(बो)धयत्यस्तु वो वि-11
- दितं यथा वाताइतजलतरंगवीचीभंगुरा विभवाः । जरद्रा-
- चसीग्रस्थमान(नं) पचटिन विकारभागस्थिरं यीवन(नं) । कन्ता(ता)न्ता-
- स्यकुइरवर्त्तिजलवुदु⁸दवत्चण्दृष्टनष्टमायुः [रं]भास्त[श्व]-
- सारवदसारं शारीरकं 16 स्वप्नोपालंभसगढिणिकामाःसम(मं) 15
- वा[पि] गन्धर्वनगरीष(प)मम[म]ल्क[ल्प]पायं च चा[क]क(लं)

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- चला विभूतिः चणभंगि यौवनं । कतान्तदंतांत[र]वर्त्ति
- 18 यौवनं(नम)10 [1*] तथाप्यवज्ञा परलोकसास(ध)ने ग्रहो तृणां विस्मयका-

Metre Upagiti. The last pāda of this verse is faulty.

² Read garbbhasthö=räti-yuvati-garbbhaha-nämn=äparëna.

Read Śrimad-Adityavarmmā.

⁴ I have not come across the name of this official elsewhere. Perhaps he is identical with the Purapati (Mayor of a town) mentioned in the Bhādāna grant of Aparājita, above, Vol. III, p. 273.

⁸ Read pradhān-āpradhānān. The following danda is superfluous.

⁶ This danda is unnecessary.

⁷ Read pratidinam.

^{*} Read jala-budbudavat=.

⁹ This mark of punctuation is superfluous.

¹⁶ As yauvanam is already mentioned, some word like jivanam is required here. The aforementioned Bhādāna grant has jīvitam in this verse.

- रि चेष्टितं(तम्) ॥[४॥*] तथा च । संपदो जलतरंगविलोलाः यौवनं विचतु-
- राणि [दि]नानि । शारदाश्चचलचंचलमायुः विं ध[नै:] कुरुत धर्माम-20
- निदा(द्यम)2 ा[५॥*] सर्व्वनेवासत्कल्पमेवमवगत्य धर्मा एवैक: सा(शा)[क्व]त[स्](स)-21
- इ:[:*] सखा व(व)स्वरम्त्राध्यर्शत्र] च नान्धोस्तीत्ववधार्थः गकन्त्रपकालाती-22
- तसंवलरशतेष्वष्टप्(स) सप्ताशीव्यधिकेष क्रीधनसंव क्रीरान्तर्ग-23
- तचैत्रामावा स्या मादिलायहणपर्वाण मी(मा)तापित्रोरेहिका-24
- मुणिकपालावासये यालानय मुख्ययमोसिवदये पूर्व-25
- जैरग्रहारस्थित्वा पतदीयातीतपुरुषाणां प्रतिपालितीवि-26
- क्य रिदानी सर्वपरिचानान्विधाय सया सध्यवे(ट) प्रविनिर्गतकी-27
- णिण(ण्डि)न्यसगोत्रव(व)हच[शा]सासम्(व)ह्यचारिण सन्ताहिजाय त्री-28
- नविश्वाय योचन्द्रभद्दसताय परमया भत्रवा पाँदी प्रचास्त्र छ-29
- स्तोदकप्रदानपूर्व्वकं रामतीर्थि[का]चतुरग्रीति[कान्तः]पातिकि-30
- गिहिकाग्रामः पं[ग]रिकाग्राम एवास्यन्तरः पूर्वदत्तदेवदायव्(ब)-31
- ह्या[दा]यवा(वा)ह्यः व(व)ह्यचासदे(?)विज्ञवन्यास विह्ये(?)लासमेतः प्रद-32
- त्तः [१*] यस्याधहनानि [पू]र्व्वतः सीमा [चे]मगणपतिः

- Second Plate. दिनियतः सीमा च चेरी डोङ्गरिका । पविसतः सीमा लय-
- गगिरि: । उत्तरतः सीमा इन्द्रनदी । एवं चतुराघाटसम-
- साभ्यन्तरसिद्धिः सदग्डदशापराधोपि भवि[च] दागामिभोतृत्त 36

¹ Metre : Vamhasthe

[#] Metre : Sedgata.

^{*} Aparatra seems to have been used here in the sense of atra.

[·] Perhaps protipudit aviruddham idanim is the intended reading.

F Read padau.

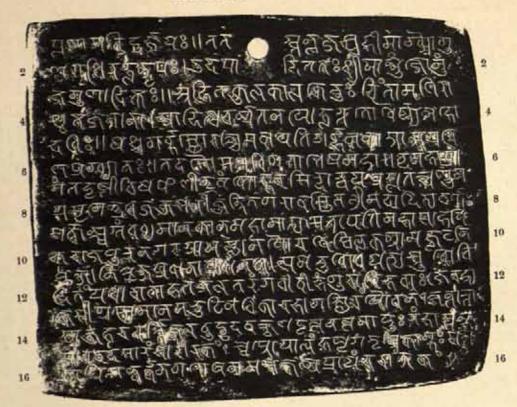
⁶ Compare with this the expression mashs (1) calliba-pravisakah in II. 41-42 of the Törkhödö plates (above, Vol. III, p. 56).

This plate was originally the third or fourth plate of its set. It is now preserved in the Bhārata Itihāsa Samaodhaka Mandala, Poona.

This word, which means the same as agami, is superfluous.

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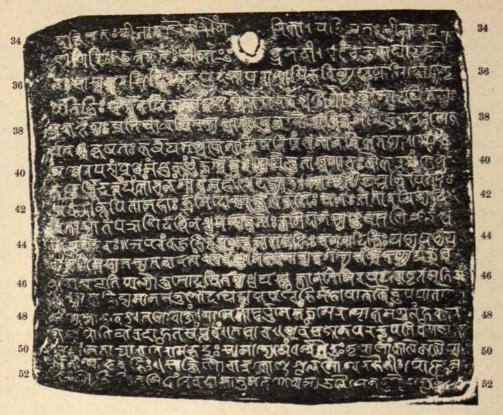
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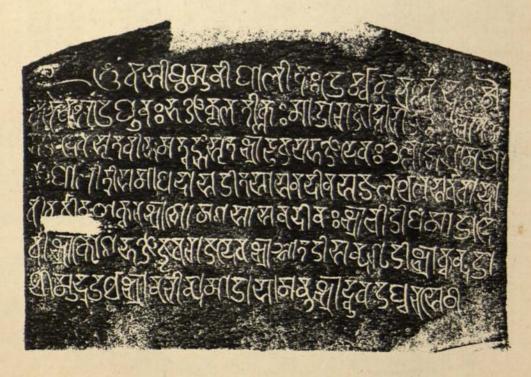


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- 37 पतिभिः सर्वेरिप अधादंशजैरपरवंशजैर्वाऽनुमोद्यितव्यः
- 38 सत्कर्त्तव्यः प्रतिपालयितव्यश्वास्य¹ पुत्रपौत्रान्तिकमपि भुंजतः भोज-
- 39 यतस क्रवतः कर्षयतस केनापि परिपंथना न विधातव्या ॥ यतः
- 40 ग्रामेरपत्यं प्रथमं सुवर्णे भूर्व्वेषावी सूर्यसुताय गाव: [1*] लोकत्रयं तेन
- 41 भ[व]र्डि² दत्तं यं(यः) कांचनं गां च महीख दद्यात् ।[ब्हा*]³ ग्रास्फोटयन्ति⁴ पितरः
- 42 प्रव[ला]न्ति पितामहा: [।*] भूमिदीसालुले जात: स न: संतारियथिति ॥[०॥*]
- 43 सितान्यातपत्राणि दन्तिनय मदोबता: [1*] भूमिदानस्य पुष्पा]णि फलं [स्व]-
- 44 द्य(र्ग:) पुरंदर: 8 ॥[८॥*] अपरं च [।*] व(ब)हिभर्ळसुधा भुक्ता राजिभ: सगरा-दिभि: [।*] यस्य यस्य य-
- 45 दा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्) ॥[८॥*] एवं मुनिवचनान्यवगत्य [स]र्व्वर-प्ययं भूध-
- 46 [म्री]दाय[:*] प्रतिपाल्योनुमोदयितव्यव [।*] यस्वज्ञानितिमरपटलावृतमितिराः
- 47 च्छि न्यादाच्छिदामान[म]नुमीदयेदा स पञ्चभिमेहापातकैरपपातकै[य]
- 48 सं[य]क्तो भवेत् । तथा चीक्तं(क्रम्) । गामिकां खर्णामिकं [च*] भूमिरप्येक-मगुलं(लम्) । इरदर-
- 49 कमा[प्रो]ति यावदाइतसंप्रवं(वम्) ॥[१०॥*] तथा च ॥ स्ववंशजान(न्) परभू-पतिवंशजान्वा
- 50 सर्व्वाम(न)तान्याचते रामभद्रः [।*] सामान्योर्यं धर्मासेतुः नृपाणां⁷ काले काले ए।
- 51 लनीयो भवड़ि:8 ॥[११॥*] सार्त्विणो चात्र १कोग्डगू(१)ल मीख[र]हेही: । पा(ठभ १।म-
- 52 तिली(?) लिखितमिदं रेवदासानुमतं गोगमाउरैवेन वुहैयाष्टमी[न ?] [1*]

¹ Read pratipālayitavyaś-cha | Asya.

² Read bhaved-dhi.

Metre : Indravairă.

⁴ Metre of verses 7-10: Anushtubh.

This pada has one akshara wanting. Read Susitany=. The usual reading is dhavalany=

This visarga is superfluous.

Read sētur=nripāņām.

⁸ Metre: Sālinī. The first pāda is irregular.

We are not sure about the reading of the last thirteen aksharas in lines 51 and 52 each.

No. 16,-ADIPUR COPPER-PLATE OF DURJAYABHANJA.

BY KRISHNA CHANDRA PANIGRAHI, M.A.

This copper-plate was in possession of one Rajakisore Pattanayak of Adipur, a village about three miles to the north-west of Khiching, the ancient capital of the rulers of Mayurbhanj. The owner at first brought it to the notice of Mr. Sailendra Prasad Bose of the Khiching Museum and then of Mr. K. C. Neogi, the Dewan of the Mayurbhanj State, who acquired it for the Archaeological Museum at Bāripadā. Mr. P. Acharya, the State-Archaeologist, handed it over to Pandit Binayak Misra of the Calcutta University for publication. I am indebted to Pandit Misra for the kind permission he has given me for editing the plate.

The plate measures about $8^{\circ} \times 6^{\circ}$ and contains an inscription of only seven lines on its obverse. A seal surmounted by an $\bar{a}malaka$ is attached to the top, which contains in relief the figure of a couchant humped bull but no legend. The engraving has been neatly and carefully done and the inscription is in perfect preservation. The characters used in this grant point to an age when the Oriya characters were in the process of assuming their present forms. This is evident from the forms of sh(h(1.1), pt(1.2), p(1.3), th(1.4), th(1.5), and t(1.6) which distinctly look like the modern Oriya characters.

The letters of this plate especially the letters t, th, p, r, &, and a closely resemble those used in the Mahada Plates of Yōgēśvaradēvavarman¹ and the Patna Museum Plate of Sōmēśvaradēva³. On palaeographical grounds the latter grant has been assigned to the fourteenth or fifteenth century A. D. though the late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri was not inclined to assign such a late date to it. The orthography of the plate deserves more than a passing notice. Though an attempt has been made to compose the text in Sanskrit as is evident from the use of several visargas, the composer of the inscription seems to have no knowledge in Sanskrit at all. The text makes no distinction between the long and short vowels, nor does it often use the three sibilants-dental, palatal and lingual-correctly, a fact which has been illustrated throughout the inscription. It also presents a number of phonetic peculiarities of colloquial Oriya language. e.g., Hěrmva (1.1), lladdha (1.1), uptana (1.2), tîkla (1.2), māhārājāddhirāja (1.2), vibhama (1.3), Dujaya (1.3), sāsana-dīna (1.4), sa-jala-thala (1.4), sandagrihī (1.6), mudrahartha (1.7), Narīndā (1.7) and pura-sethi (1.7) which are the corrupt forms of Sanskrit Heramba, labdha, utpanna, tilaka, mahārājādhirāja, vibhrama, Durjaya, šāsan-ādhina, sa-jala-sthala, sandhivigrahin, mudrā-hasta, Narēndra and pura śreshthin respectively. Another peculiarity of the text is that it contains no verb at all. and its sense can be made out only by adding certain verbs in their proper places. I have deemed it better to publish the text as it is, for, an attempt to correct it will result in its wholesale change.

The introductory passages common to the Bhañja records of Mayūrbhanj, are conspicuous in this grant by their absence. The inscription abruptly begins with certain epithets of Ranabhañjadēva, surnamed Vibhramatungas, representing him as having been nurtured by the sage Vašiabtha, as a receiver of boon from Hēramba, as born in the Mivara family and as the frontal mark of the Bhañja lineage. He has further been given the title of Mahārājādhirāja. Then it gives out that his son Durjayabhañjadēva, who has been given no title at all, granted the village Öllānga along with Pāñchapālī and Trīsamāpadā (probably two other villages)

Above, Vol. XII, pp. 218 ff. Above, Vol. XIX, pp. 97 ff. P. R. A. S., E.C., 1916-17, p. 4, para 5.
*[The text does contain a verb and that twice, which Mr. Panigrahi seems to have overlooked. In 1.4 shane and again in 1.5 shane disas mean 'grant has been given', the form disas 'given' being derivable.

[[]Dr. Majamder assigns this surname to Durjayabhanja; see above, p. 151.—Ed.]

to Thakura ari-Gomata for unimpeded enjoyment. At the time the grant was made, Chihipa the chief queen, Kōṭabhañja the heir-apparent, Ātahī the Minister for war and peace, Kundahathi the custodian of the Royal Seal, Narinda the chief feudatory and Ddhuvaha the towubanker were present.

Durjayabhañjadeva, the donor, has been represented in this record as the son of Ranabhañjadēva and the father of Kotabhanja. In the Keshari plate of Satrubhanjadēva,1 however, Durjayabhañja figures as the son of Köttabhañja and the father of Ranabhañja. Evidently the donor of the present grant is not identical with Durjayabhanja of the Keshari plate. Until further discoveries are made, it is not possible to assign a place to Durjayabhañja of this record in the Bhanja genealogical table.

The plate does not mention the traditional account relating to the origin of the Bhanjas as other Bhañja grants of Mayurbhanj do. It, however, refers to a Mivara family (ll. 1-2) to which Ranabhañjadeva is said to have belonged. Judging from the numerous mistakes of the text, it may at once be conceded that Mivara is a mistake for Mivara (Mewar in Rajputana). The author of the inscription, therefore, seems to refer the original home of the Bhanjas to Mewar. But the tradition² ascribes the connection of the Mayurbhanj family with Jaipur which was never a part of Mewar. Moreover, the name Mewar itself is not to be found in early inscriptions. This, together with the unorthodox style in which the plate has been written, points to the fact that the document was drawn up by a person sometime about the fifteenth century A. D., who not only did not know much about the copper-plate grants, but also did not know the origin, either real or traditional, of the family he was describing.

The villages Panchapali and Ollanga may conveniently be identified with Panchupali and Delang, both situated in the Anandpur Sub-division of the Keonjhar State. As to the village Trisamāpadā, I cannot suggest any identification.

TEXT.

- Siddham* [1*] Öm Vasishtha-muni-pälitah Hērmva-vara-lladdhah Mi-
- vara-vamsa-uptanah Bhañja-küla-tiklah mähäräjäddhiräjah śri-Raņa-
- bhañjadēva-sūta Vībhamatunga-sūta árī-Dujayabhañjadēvah Ollānga-grāma Pā-
- nchapālī Trīsamāpadā sahīta sāsanadīna sa-jala-thala sarva-vāddhā
- vivarjita Thākura šrī-Gömata sāsanadīnah šrī-Chihipa-māhādē-
- vī śrī-Kōṭabhañja-jūvarājadēva śrī-Ātahī-sandagrihī śrī-Kundahā-
- thi-mudrahartha śri-Narindā-māhāsāmanta śri-Ddhuvaha-purasēthi [[*]

No. 17.-HALAYUDHASTOTRA FROM THE AMARESVARA TEMPLE.

By Prof. P. P. Subrahmanya Sastri, B.A. (Oxon.), M.A. (Madras).

Halayudha (one who wields the hala or plough as a weapon) is a well known name in Sanskrit literature. Dr. Aufrecht has listed more than sixteen works under Halayudha. On the inner

¹ Ind. Hist. Quart., Vol. XIII, p. 429.

Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 290.

[&]quot;[All these combined with the fact that the language of the record is full of errors seem to show that the grant never passed through the secretariate and thus makes one doubtful about its genuineness. -Ed.]

From ink-impressions and the original,

^{*} Expressed by a symbol.

aide of the southern wall in the mandapa of the Amarêsvara Temple at Mandhātā on the left bank of the river Narmadā in the Nimar District of the Central Provinces is carved a stôtra called the Halāyudha-stôtra (vide Hiralal, Inscriptions in the C. P. and Berar (2nd ed.), p. 84, No. 151). Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, the Government Epigraphist for India, has been good enough to send me an impression of this stôtra. There are several manuscripts of the Halāyudha-stôtra in the Madras Government Oriental Manuscripts Library (D. Nos. 11271 to 11278). A critical edition of the Halāyudha-stôtra, using the text as appearing on the Amarêsvara temple wall as the basic text (#) and giving variant readings from three other manuscripts of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library is appended to this note. The record at the Amarêsvara temple is dated Samvat 1120, Kārttika-vadī 13 or A. D. 1063.

From the stôtra above referred to, we are sure that its author Halāyudha must have been a staunch devotee of Šiva. We agree with Dr. Chakravarti that as the stôtra-record is dated 1063 A.D., the author of the stôtra must have lived prior to the 11th century and could not therefore be identical with the famous Halāyudha who adorned the court of King Lakshmanasēna of Bengal and who is the author of several sarvasvas like Brāhmanasarvasva, Panditasarvasva, Mīmāmsāsarvasva, etc.

The Telugu poet Pälkuriki Sõmanätha who lived about 1190 A.D., refers in his Deipada Basavapuräna to a Haläyudha, a follower of the Saiva cult, and who was a native of Navagrāma. The last verse of the stötra in the Amarësvara temple distinctly refers to its author as a native of the village Navagrāma. We are therefore on sure ground if we identify the author of the stötra with the Haläyudha referred to by Sõmanätha as an ardent devotee of Siva. The last stanza above referred to reads as follows:

Dvijo dakshina-Rādbīyo Navagrāma-vinirggatah (

Halayudha-vu(bu)dhas-Sambhōr imām stutim-arīrachat | (v. 64)

Of the works listed under the name Haläyudha by Aufrecht, the Abhidhānaratnamālā deserves our attention. In stanza 25, p. 4, of the work edited by Aufrecht in 1861 we find that among the several names of Vishņu, 'Sambhu' also is given as one. This is rather interesting as it reveals the mentality of the author. No other lexicographer has given the name Sambhu as synonymous with Vishņu. And only a staunch Virašaiva, who believes that every word should ultimately denote only 'Siva' as Siva is all-pervasive, could have allowed himself to use 'Sambhu' as a synonym of Vishņu. Thus, it is not too much to assume the identity of authorship between the author of the Abhidhānaratnamālā and the Haläyudha-stōtra.

In his instructive introduction, Dr. Aufrecht has argued that Halayudha the lexicographer should be assigned to a date earlier than the eleventh century A.D. And we find that the author of the Abhidhanaratnamālā should be identical with the author of the Kacirahasya as the last stanza of the last mentioned work reads as follows:

Iti samāptam-avāpta-guņ-ōdayam Kavirahasyam=idam rasika-priyam | sad-abhidhāna-nidhāna-Halāyudha-dvija-varasya kritiḥ sukrit-ātmanaḥ ||

The third quarter is indeed an indirect reference, in accepted poetic style, to the author's other work, his lexicon, Abhidhānaratnamālā. Dr. Keith has fixed the date of Halāyndha, the author of Kacirahasya as contemporaneous with his patron the Rāshtrakūta King Krishna III.

We therefore conclude that the author of the Halayudha-stötra should be identical with Halayudha, the author of the Kawirahasya and the Abhidhanaratnamālā and should have flourished in the latter half of the tenth century A.D.

The edition of the stotra is based on four texts of which # is the record found at the Amaresvara temple, and is printed as the basic text.

w represents the manuscript described in D. No. 11271.

क represents the palm-leaf manuscript written in Telugu script described in D. No. 11274.

π represents the paper manuscript in Telugu script described in D. No. 11272.

TEXT.

[Metres: vv. 1-61, Mandākrāntā; vv. 62, 64, Anushtubh; v. 63, Sārdūlavikrīdita.]

- 1 १ ॐ नमः शिवाय ॥ विम्नं निम्नन्दिरदवदनः प्रीतये वोस्त्¹ नित्यं वामे कूटः प्रकटितह(ह) हद्विणस्य लदन्तः । यः श्रीकग्ठं पितरमुमयाश्चिष्टवामाईदे हं ननं स्वयमिप ^²दधावर्डनारी खरत्वं (त्वम्) ॥१॥ स्नाघ्यः पुत्रः स भवति किल स्वस्य वष्तुः सकाशादत्ते कै[ियत् कविदिप गुर्गैर्थ]-3
- 2 : समुत्कर्षलेखाम् । इत्यं वांक(वाञ्क)न् पितुरिधकतां पंचवक्रस्य नृनं षष्ठं वि(बि)भद-दनमपरं पातु विश्वं विशाखः ॥२॥ एको देवः स जयित शिवः केवल जान-च चिभुवनिमदं यद्विभूतिप्रपंचः । यत्कृटस्यं मिथुनमविनाभाव-मूर्त्तिदेवी सा संवंध(बन्ध)योगानियश्री[भूतं तदखिलजगज्ज]-
- 3 न्मबीजं नमामि ॥३॥ एकः स्रष्टा सकलजगतामादिभूतः स्वयंभूस्वाता तेषां विभुव-नगुक्र्वासुदेव: प्रसिद्ध: । यस्ती दावप्यतु⁵लमहिमा संहरत्वन्तकाले कस्तस्यान्यो भवति सद्द्यः श्रीमहाकालमूर्ताः ॥४॥ वत्तं वाञ्छां हर निरवधि त्वसहिनः [स्वरूपं चेतयेतला]-
- तिपयपदज्ञानमात्रावसन्नं(त्रम्) । व्ज्ञात्वेवेदं विनयन मया त्वहुणस्तोत्रभत्त्या स्वात्मन्येव ाः स्वयमपि कतो ध्रष्टतापदृव(ब)न्धः ॥५॥ वागीग्रस्वं युगपदिखलज्ञानसंपत्तियुकः का ते तृष्टिः स्तुतिरचनया मादृशस्याल्पशकोः । एवं ज्ञात्वा इर विर[मिति स्तोच-हेती . हठा]-
- 5 को भक्त्याविशात्प्रसरित मुखाङ्गारती किं करोमि ॥६॥ यत्ते तत्त्वं निरुपिध परं वाझन:पारभूतं व्र(ब्र)ह्मादीनामपि हर गिरस्तव भग्नाः प्रवेष्टं(ष्ट्म्) । ग्रर्वा-चीनं यदपरिमदं पार्व्वतीवल्लभन्ते रूपं भत्या वरद तदहं वाग्भिरभ्यर्चयामि ॥७॥ यन्यैः स्तो वं रचितसस्तस्यं]-

² दधालधं° (ग)

³ The portion between square brackets in this and the following verses has been restered from manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras. 6 जाला वे (ग)

व विवलं (क)

ब्रमल (क)

⁷ विखयन (च, क)

⁸ कार्च (ग)

[&]quot; यदि परिभितं (क), यदि परिभदं (च)

- 8 दिभिर्व्याखिलामै: फलाप्रायै: किमिद्मियता स्वन्यते महचोभि: । किं वा कैश्वित्कन-ककमलैर्राचितं पादपीठं भक्ता शंभी न पुनरपर: पूजयत्वक्रपुष्पै: ॥८॥ पथ्या-हारी इर जलमुचां यी च यी पन्त(इ)जानां मित्रामित्री वरद हिव[पां दाइकग्राहकी]
 - 7 यो । यो गंधस्य प्रजनवहनी तानहं तुष्टिहेती रही वन्दे विभवनग्रोर्म् तिभदास्तवे तान ॥८॥ सन्मा(संसा)रेचिम्ध्रुवमसुलभं मानुषं जन्म लव्या(व्या) युपानिकी भजित सक्तती कश्चिदन्यं च देवं(वम्) । बारूढोऽपि खरहर गिरि रोडणं भाग्ययोगि देकी रहं कलयी-
- 8 ति महत्वाचमन्यय फला ॥१०॥ ये त्वामईन्मुगत इति वा भिक्तियोगाङ्गजन्ते तिभ्यः शको फलमभिमतं त्वं ददासीति युक्तं(क्रम्) । अध्वक्षानीः सक्चिक्चिरं नाम किञ्चिहहीत्वा शीतं पीतं जलमिह जनेः विं न दृप्तिं करोति ॥११॥ शिदि-त्यादिग्रहप]-
 - 9 दिकरी याति चार्याति नित्यं कालयायं दिवसरजनीपचमामर्तेचिद्धः । एतसर्व्यं नन् िन घटते। प्रेरकालं विना ते ^कवार्थे चास्त्रिव पुनरपुरस्थास्ति सामर्थमितत ॥१२॥ तस्यागारे गिरिण रसते धेनुवत्कामधेनुः "क्रीडावाटे विटिप[सहगः कल्पते क]-
 - 10 [ब्यइचः । लाकारकामणिरिव करं तस्य चिन्ताम]णिः स्वाद्यस्मिन् सिदः मकदपि कपादृष्टिपातप्रसादः ॥१३॥ सीली लोलिबद्यत्रिनीतीयगीतस्तांगं कगढे करं कवितिविषय्वामले व्यालराजं(जम्) । ज्योकनागीरे विपषि वि-
 - 11 ग्रहं वि(वि)भ्वती भस्मरागं जाता सम्यक्तिनयनं सया योगभूषा तवैव ॥१४॥ धत्ते शोभां घुस्रणतिलकसार्थि चत्तुर्ललाटे मोली लम्बा" विद्यातिनी मालतीमालिकेव । च्लेडं क्रीडासगमदमयी पवलेखेव कग्छे [बाध्यः ग्रको समुर्ति सहजः को]-
 - 12 पि भूषाविधिस्ते ॥१५॥ दग्धं येन त्रिभुवनिसदं देव दुर्व्वारधासा दग्धः सीपि विनयन म[व] इष्टिपातेन काम: । युक्तं चैतद्ववति पुक्षो यः परस्वीपतापी

[।] पुनरपि परः (न)

[ै] पत्राशारी (भ) ⁶ सव्ययोगात (स)

[ं] हच्छेती: (भ, ग), हच्छिती: (भ)

[ं] देशम् (क) Four letters seem to have been first engraved after this and then erased.

[&]quot; क्रीडाबाटीविटपि (क, ब)

^{10 [}To me the reading here seems to be "qualfelle; -Ed.]

¹² तियायन (क, न) म इष्टियात: प्रसाद: (भ, क)

^{13 [}I read समायोगभूषा लग्नेर —Ed.]
15 (त्रणसन (क. र) ध सम्रा (क)

तस्यावश्यं पतित शिरिस क्रोधदण्डः प्रभूणां(णाम्) ॥१६॥ कस्य चेमी भ[वित बलिना सर्धमानस्य साधी

- 13 यस्वत्कोपाचिनयन भवचन्न[षा विच]तोभूत् । प्रेम्णा दष्टेऽधरिकसलये दृष्टवान् यः स गामी[°] लीलान्द्रत्यचतुरवनिताभ्यूलताप्रेचणानि ॥१७॥ ये दारिद्योपहतवपुषी ये च दौर्भाग्यदम्धा ये वा श्रनुव्यसनविकला ये च मौर्ख्योपतप्ताः । [ये वा कैश्वित् विनयं]-
- 14 न इंट पोडिता दु:खग्रोकैस्तेषामिकस्वमिम ग्रग्णं तर्षितानामिवास: ॥१८॥ स्नाच्यं जन्म श्रुतिपरिणतिः सित्नुयायां प्रवृत्तिः प्रौढिः शास्त्रे ललितमधुरा संस्कृता भारती च । स्मीता लच्मीर्वपुरिप दृढं चन्द्रलेखाङ्गमीले 'युष्मत्मेवा[पद'विरिहतं सर्वमी-भावम काम्या अवस्थान प्रवासकात
- 15 तत्पलालं(लम्) ॥१८॥ त्वत्पूजायां कुसुमहरणे धावतः पादयुग्मं ⁹यत्पाषाणव्र[ज]परिकरो-कीर्णरेखाङ्मासीत् । यत्तस्यैव ¹⁰त्वदनु चरतो रुद्रलोकं गतस्य व्र(व्र)ह्मादीनां ¹¹मकुट-किरण्येण्यः शोणयन्ति ॥२०॥ येषां युषात्रातिकतिग्यहं लि[म्पतां पाण्यो ये वे त्व]-
- 16 इतानां सलिललुलितैर्गीमयैः संप्रलिप्ताः । तेवामीण निद्यनगरीनायकत्वं गतानां ते लिप्यन्ते सगमदरसैः खेचरीणां कुचेषु ॥२१॥ यस्ते कत्वा स्वपनमसतैः पञ्च-भियन्द्रमीले पयात्वैयित्वुसुमनिकरैर्मूर्भि बभाति [मालाम् । तस्यावश्यं]
- 17 सकलभुवनैकाधिपत्याभिषिक्ते वभ्रन्यन्धे शिरसि परमैखर्यसास्त्राज्यपद्दम् ॥२२॥ एतचित्रं कचिद्पि मया नैव दृष्टं श्रुतं वा तिहस्पष्टं कथय किमिद्नाथ कीतृइलं मे। यत्ते भत्त्या हर चरणयोरप्पितं पुष्पमेकं सद्यः सूते फल[मिभमतं कोटि]-
- 18 श: कामरूपं(पम्) ॥२३॥ यस्ते भक्त्या वरद चरणइंडमुद्दिश्य दद्यादेकं नीली-त्यलदलमपि त्वत्यसादेन नृनं(नम्) । तत्रत्यंतं निपतित पुनर्दृष्टिरालील तारैर्दिव्य-स्तीणां कुवलयदलयेणिदीर्घः कटाचेः ॥२४॥ कत्वा मालां घनपरिमलो[ज्ञार-विसामानाक्यमीस विषया नापरः कांबर-[कंडकाराध दाकवान

¹ विषयन (क. ग) .

² यस्य गामी (ग), य: स कामी (म) [Reading seems to be इष्टवासम् कामी-Ed.] ह दु:खिता (ग) ° मौर्ख्यावतप्ताः (ग) व विषयन (क, ग) 8 फल (ग) ग यस्मिन (ग)

⁶ त्वमपि (क) 10 लदन्भवतां (ग) ॰ यः पाषाणं व्रजपरिकरोत्तीर्णरत्नात्रमासीत् (म)

[[]Reading is परिकरीद्वीर्खरतातमासीत्तस्येव.—Ed,] 13 प्राङ्गियं (ग) 12 श्री**णयन्ते (ग)** ध मुक्ट (क)

¹⁸ भृष्टतालील (ग) 18 [Reading is वभासि लं-Ed.] 14 भवनेकाधिपत्याभिषेकै: (ग)

- 19 यस्ते कर्डाभरणपदवीं प्रापयेबीनकर्ड । दिव्यस्तीयां विपुनपुनकैबीह्रभिः कर्ड-लम्बेस्तस्यापि त्वं वितरिम चिरं निक्मे(र्भ)राग्नेवसीख्यं(स्थम) ॥२५॥ कत्वा पूजां तव चरणयोरादरादष्टभूते यः साष्टाङ्कं प्रणमति सङीप्रष्ट(ष्ठ)पीटे(ठे) लुठित्वा । प्रत्वास वं चितिपतिपदं]
- 20 प्रीतिव(व)डानुरागा तस्त्रीत्मङ्गे नुठित धरणी रेणुचकच्छनि ॥२६॥ त्वामुहिम्य चिन-यन जनी यः प्रदीपं ददाति ज्यीतिर्ज्ञानादनितिसिरं योतितान्तिनेकेतं(तम्) । तसी मायारजनिविलसं हाटमी हान्धकारच्छेदपीटं त्वसपि दि[ग्रसि जानमात्मप्रका]-
- 21 सं(श्रम) ॥२०॥ चित्रैकांलारचित्रकुसमेर्ड्जंटे पूजियता यः स्तीति त्वां जय जय महादेव देवेति वाचा । सीव्यारीहरूर तव पुरं मौतिव(ब)बाश्वलीनां प्रका-दीनां स्तृतिविषयतां त्वत्रसादात्रयाति ॥२८॥ अस्त्रसानं वहसि जितसा स्विभी-वारिभारं ग्रा-
- 22 न्तां सूर्ति:(त्तिं) कलयमि करं कार्यावं युत्तमेतत् । प्रध्यन्येषां कतिपयपुरस्वामिनां विवस्ताबेष्टा इष्टास्त्रभुवनपर्वः किं महेग्रस्य न स्यः ॥२८॥ त्वामाराध्य व्यक्ति द्रापतयो भुष्कतं राज्यलक्षीं भिचाभुकां तदपि च सहादेवप्रव्दे(क्दे)क-वाचः । निराणियं वरदो
- 23 प्रमेश्वर्यकोटिप्रतिष्ठं तचेदस्ति त्वयि किमपरे फलाभिः चीविलामें ॥३०॥ प्रस्थि-श्रंशि: पिखवनभवं भस्म¹⁰ भूषाङ्गरागः प्रीतिः" प्रेतेस्तव सहचराः फेरवाः कीच दोव: । यस्यैक्षये परमपदर्वी प्राप्य वियानामुबेस्तस्य यावा जनकमय्वा सर्वमतत समा]-
- 24 ने(नम्)¹⁵ ॥३१॥ आवासस्ते पिळवनमहिः क्रीडनं यानमुखा भिचापाचं हर नरियर:-10 वर्णनं नेष दीप:। बारातीयस्त्रिनयनं भवळन्यसंस्थी हिं लोको निस्तेगस्ये प्रि विचरतां की विधिः की निषेधः ॥१२॥ प्रेतावासः शयनमग्रनं [भेजमाग्राध वा]-
- 25 सः खटुगाः च ध्वजमुपाः(चि)तं त्वस्थि नेपत्यमाः । यदाप्येवं तदपि भगवन्नीम्बरित्य-स्था नाम्बो नि:सामान्यस्वमिस विषयो नापरः कविद्दित ॥३३॥ दाकदानि द्विजवरवध्यप्रवो रतसारनी होसः सत्यानटनमिति ते चेष्टितं नैव दृष्टं(ष्टम्) । [मियाजानीय]-

[ा] विषयन (क, ग)

¹ धनाटि (ग)

^{*} सनदीवारिपुरं (न)

¹⁰ प्रिट्यनभवतमा (ग)

¹⁵ इंडियमिरस: (ग)

ध चंत्र प्रथम (ग)

⁸ दधाति (ग)

⁵ देवेश (क)

मितञा (च) 11 प्रीत: (**ग**)

¹⁴ विषयन (क, म)

विगलद (ग)

[&]quot; पुरी (क)

[ै] सौविसासै: (क)

अ पतालम् (ग)

¹⁹ संस्थीऽपि (च)

- 26 इतमनमां मार्गीमुक्तंक्च दूरं ये निःका(निष्का)न्तास्त्रनयन न तां(तान) स्तीकवादाः स्त्रग-न्ति ॥ इष्ठ॥ देवाः सर्वे द्वति वपुषा भूषणं ईमरस्रं गुन्नामाणं कनकमपि ति नास्ति कर्से करे वा । मार्गातीतं स्फ्रिति सहजं यस्य सीन्दर्थमङ्गे ैतस्याष्ट्रायें व्यतरजनवना |-
- 27 दर: स्वाद्र्णेषु ॥३५॥ त्वं व्र(ब्र)द्वादिजिदशगुक्तिः पूजितः स्वार्थहेतोरित्वास्तायी न खल भवता प्रार्थितः कविदन्यः । इच्छामात्रात्स्वयसुपनमन्त्वप्रतो यस्य भावा-स्तस्यापेचा कयमित्र भवेदीखरस्येतरेषु ॥३६॥ खगड्यन्द्रः ग्रिग्सि खण्डमी-
- 28 वायुधन्ते भिचापाचं द्वडिणियसः खण्डमेकं कपालं(लम्) । खण्डप्रायस्तव परिकरी यदापीत्यन्तयापि त्वं मर्व्ववां स्मृतिमुपगतः मर्व्वपूर्णत्वहेतुः ॥३०॥ पृथ्वीपीठे °क्कतपदमदः स्वच्छमाकाम्(ग्र)लिङ्गं तारापुर्यः ग्रिरिम रिचताभ्यर्चनं च[न्द्रचृड । इत्यं भावाद]-
- 29 वहित्रधियो ये भवन्तं भजन्ते ते लीयंते त्वयि जलनिधी निम्नगानामिवीघा: ॥३८॥ वाराणस्यां स्मुरति यदिदं देवदेवाविमुतां सै(ग्रे)वं ज्योतिः सकलभुवनालोकना-दर्शभूतं(तम्) । कत्वा तिसन्प्रमहिस पदे चेत्रसंन्यासयोगं [त्वस्ये]कत्वं व्यक्तित पुरुषस्तेज]-
- 30 सीव प्रदीप: ॥३८॥ यक्षत्यचं सकलभुवनायर्थभूतं विभाति ज्योतिर्किङं कनककपिणं त्रीगिरी व्योक्ति दिव्यं(व्यम्) । तत्पन्त्रन्तः ग्रिव सुक्ततिनस्यक्तसंसारवन्धास्वत्का-क्ष्याचिर गणपदप्राप्तिभाजी भवन्ति ॥४०॥
- 31 वाचाधीर्यं चुतवहतनं ग्राक्तिपाणि भवन्तं ये ध्यायन्ति चिनयनं मनस्तेजसा निईहन्तं-(तम)11 । गङ्गास्रोतःसहग्र-
- 32 विलसहव्ययवाप्रवाहै:18 सदास्तेषां प्रसरित [मुखाद्वा]रती नान विश्लं(नम्) भास्त्रज्योति:किरणमरूणं [दिच्च]णेऽच्णि¹⁸ स्थितं त्वां ये वीचन्ते पुरुषमुदितं¹⁸ स्थात मादित्वमूर्त्तिं(र्त्तिम्) । ते सर्वे नाप्रतिहतद्यः सूर्यपर्यन्तलीकं प्रश्नंत्वग्रे करतललुठत्क दिकसप्टकपम्

[े] विषयन (ज. स)

^क कपित्री (म)

[ै] तस्याद्यारेविरत (म)

¹ विदयपितिमः (ग) भवनादमनासीकभ्तम (ग)

⁵ ऋवगत: (ग) I [Probably the reading is

[&]quot; ज्ञतपदमपि खखमाकामलिवं (ग) कारका "[त] स्वर"-Ed.]

[°] बाचातीर्त (स) [Reading seems to be všchy-āffnam(tam).—Ed.]

¹⁶ विषायन (क. ग)

¹¹ तमसेजमां निवंदनाम (ग)

¹² प्रभावा (क)

¹¹ दिविगावि (क)

¹⁴ पुरुषहृद्धं (न)

अगमं (म)

- 33 ॥४२॥ ये ध्यायन्ति खद्ददि विमलं चित्तव मालैकरूपं विश्वादर्शे प्रसरद्दिभतो भूर्भव:-सम्बिलोकीं(कीम्)⁸ । इ.सं गत्यागतिपरिचयात्ते तवैव प्रसादात्मवैज्ञत्वं हर विकरणीं श्रीलयन्ती लभन्ते ॥४३॥ ये त्वां शंभी द्वदयभवनांभी रहाभ्यन्तरस्थं ज्ञान ज्योतिस्तदपधिव]-
- 34 शादीहिश्काग्रस्कां(स्मम्) । उदीचन्ते दृढतरलयं तेप्युपाधिप्रनाशास्त्रय्येकत्वं नभिस कलगाकाशवित्रिर्विशन्ति ॥४४॥ अर्चिर्विद्युत्रस्तिभिरलं मार्गवित्रामलोके(कै)यें गच्छन्ति विनयन पया देवयानेन केचित् । भुक्ता भोगाननुपमरसान् स्वेच्छ[या ब्रह्म-लोकी
- 35 ते तस्थान्ते पुनरपि शिव त्वनायत्वं भजन्ते ॥४५॥ यत्रानन्दः स्पुरित परमञ्योति-रालीकजन्मा भुज्यन्ते च स्रयमुपनता यच दिव्यास भीगाः [।*] यचावृत्तिर्व भवति पुनः पञ्चमाध्वप्रसिद्धं तद्दैराजं पदमपि शिव प्राप्यते त्वत्प्रसादात् ॥४६॥ त्वयातानं निहितमी-
- 36 खिलैस्वहुणै: संप्रयुक्तं खच्छाद्र्ये मुखमिव चिरं चेतसा निश्चलेन । ये प्रध्यन्ति विनयन मनोवाञ्कितार्थप्रस्तिस्तेषामाविभवति सुधियामेव धर्मः समाधि: ॥४०॥ ज्ञानज्योतिः सकलजगतां स्व¹¹प्रकाशस्त्रक्षं त्वामात्मानं परिहितगुणस्पर्श[मीशान-मीले]
- 37 12 यत्रैकस्मिनवहितिधयां योगदृष्टिस्थितानां स्वच्छाद्र्ये प्रतिफलितविद्वस्विमेतचकास्ति ॥४८॥ भूतं भूतस्मरणविषयं भावि¹⁴ नान्यत्र काले सूद्धां मध्यं चणमि¹⁵ह तयोर्वर्त्तमानं वदन्ति । तिस्मन्मीख्यं कियदमतयो येन मत्ता¹⁶ मनुष्या यु[प्रक्षेवां भव भ]-
- 38 वभयध्वन्मि(ध्वंमि)नी नाद्रियन्ते ॥४८॥ ज्ञानं न स्थात्कचिद्पि किल ज्ञेयसम्व(संव)न्धश्रून्धं क्रेयं सत्तामि न लभते ज्ञानवा(बा)ह्यं कदाचित् । इत्यन्योन्यग्रथितसुभयोर्था-पिकं यसुरूपं¹⁷ तत्ते प्राडु: प्रक्रतिपुरुषस्यार्दनारीखरत्वं(त्वम्) ॥५०॥ न भ[वति नृणामि]-

¹ चित्तं (अ)

² विश्वादशें (ग)

विलोकान् (ग)

⁴ भजनी (क)

⁵ ज्ञानच्योति: (ग)

⁶ विणयन (क, म)

ग उपगताः (ग)

[&]quot;तहेराग्यं (अ)

⁸ विषयन (क, ग)

¹⁰ सुधियामेष: (ग) [Reading seems to be सुधियात्ममेमे (ए) क: समाधि:—Ed.]

¹¹ सप्रकाम (ग)

¹² There is a sign of visarga before this danda.

¹³ धिया (ग)

¹⁴ भावि नासाव काले (ग)

¹⁵ द्रव (स)

¹⁰ मिला; (ग)

¹⁷ यून रूपम (ग)

- 39 न्द्रियाणामश्तेर्यत्मम्ब(त्संब)न्धग्रहणविरहान्नानुमेयं च किन्चि(किंचि)त्¹। शव्दा(व्दा)दीनामपि न विषयं यत्परी चस्वरूपं ज्ञानज्योतिर्यदिह परमं सत्व(च)मध्यात्ममूर्तिः ॥५१॥ त्वामात्मानं वरद परमानन्दवी(बी)धस्वरूपं ये वु(बु)ध्यन्ते विगलितजगङ्गेदमायाप्र-प[ञ्चम । रागत्यागात]
- 40 स्तिमितमनसी देव जीवन्त एव [भ्रायः]न्माया निविडनिगडग्रंथयस्ते विमुत्ताः ॥५२॥ ध्याञ्चं ध्यत्तत्कृपि(प)ण्मनमां सप्तलोकाधिपत्यं या मृग्यंते तरलमतिभिः सिद्यया-गिमाद्याः । एतत्सर्वे मदनदत्तन व्यवद्रप्राप्तिभाजां तत्व(च)ज्ञानास्तर[सजुवां योगि]-
- 41 नामन्तराय: ॥५२॥ 10 श्राशा वास: शयनमवनिर्व(र्व) ह्याचर्यं च दीघं मीनं दग्ङग्रहणम-गनं भिच्चया भस्म ग्रीचं(चम्) । वैराग्यच विनयन¹¹ भवत्तत्ववी(च्वबी)धाहिहीनं मुलादेवं भ्रवमलवणं सर्व्वमेतिहिभाति ॥५४॥ स्थित्वा कालं चिरतरमि व्र(ब)-ह्मश्रकादि[लोके कर्म]-
- 42 ऋदात्प्नरपि ततः स्यादवस्यं निपातः । एकं नित्यं पदमुपगतः क्षेत्रकमीिर्मिपाकं शैवं ज्योतिर्यदिह सुलभं ज्ञानयोगेन पुन्मां(पुंसाम्) ॥५५॥ शक्रादीनां क्रतुफल-यु(जु)षां यसुखं नाकलोके तत्कीटादेर्बरकनिलयस्यापि तुल्यं विभाति । येनै-कान्तं -
- 43 न भवति सुखं कस्यचित्रापि दुःखं इंद्रयस्तं विभुवनिमदं त्वं तु तस्मादिम्तः ॥५६॥ व(ब)म्बच्छेदादिह तनुस्तां यत्त्वया साकमैक्यं सा चेन्सुक्तिः शिव किम-यातु यहान्धकूपं(पम्) । त्वं मे स्वामी भवदनुचरः ग्रर्व्व यत्सर्व्वदाहं ति श्वाध्यं खपित[पदवीं काम]-
- ॥५७॥ वातोद्दृतस्फुटपुटिकनीपत्रतीयोपमाने को विश्वासं व्रजति चपले जिमनो जीवितिस्मिन् । 15कान्तस्त्रीणां प्रियसइचरैर्निवर्भरालिङ्गितं मे चेतः शक्ती स्विपिति न यथा तत्प्रसादं कुक्ख ॥५८॥ त्वनेत्राग्नि विकासिव प्रा[तानं पुष्पचा]-

² मूर्ते (ग) वदाचित (अ, क, ग)

³ म reads दे बुध्यने etc., as third quarter and रागलागात् etc., as second quarter.

⁴ निगलनिविड (घ, क) ⁵ म reads this stanza as 60th stanza.

⁸ रो (ग) ⁹ सजा (ग) ⁶ जन्ती: क्रपशमनसः (ग) ⁷ सर्व (च)

¹¹ विख्यन (क, ग) 10 π reads this stanza as 62nd stanza.

¹³ उपनतक्षेष्ठ (ग, म) ¹³ नाकलीकै: (ग) ¹⁴ नास्ति (च, क, ग)

^{15 [}Reading seems to be आत(अन) मुचाप्(प्रि)यसहचरी etc.—Ed.] 16 तत्प्रसादं (अ, क) anaptemilie militar interests on

¹⁹ द्यतिश्रसम्यं (ग)

- 45 प: । स्वृत्वा नूनं व्यवधितमितिव्वरिनिर्यातनाय । यसन्म(स्रंस)क्षं तव चरणयोर्देव सेवानुरागात्तको चेतः प्रहरित प्ररेक्ष्यच तद्रच यस्नात् ॥५८॥ भिचापाचं सग-जमितनं जीर्णकौपीनमित्रं क्षंया रथ्यानिपतितजरचीरत्तेग्रेय सबी । एतावा-[को हर परिक]-
- 46 रस्वन्यसादेन नित्वं भूयाद्व्यस्तव चरणयोर्भ्यसी भक्तिरेका ॥६०॥ देवस्तावद्ववति भगवन्धर्मां सर्मास्य सारस्तव्यात्पूर्वे महदिति पदं प्रीक्रमुत्वर्धमात्र । माहात्म्यं ते सरहर महादेव नामैव लीके दूरारुढं वरद किमहं स्तीत्रमन्यत्वरोमि ॥[६१॥ कालीन]
- 47 नीतः' सर्वीपि पुनरावर्त्तते जनः । महाकालेन नीतस्य नाहित्तिर्वदाते पुनः ॥६२॥ श्रव्यक्षाचरजन्पितरिप शिशोः प्रीतिर्मुक्ला भवेत्तेनास्त्रहचनं मलीमसमिप स्वात्तु-ष्टिहेतुस्तव । त्रान्तस्वहुलकीर्त्तनात्किमपि यत्पुत्वं मयीपा[जितं तेन]
- 48 स्वाक्व ननान्तरिय महती त्वयेव भित्तमीम ॥६२॥ 'हिजी द्विणराठीयो नवग्रामवि-निर्मातः । हतायुधवु(वु)धक्रकोरिमां सुतिमरीरचत् ॥६४॥

ै Manda unnecessary. ै समाग्रीका (स) ै च, क, and स read the following two stanzas as 62nd and 63rd stanzas and कालेंग जीत-cto., as 64th stanza:

यन कचिहनत् देव मनुष्पतियंग्गोनी स्वक्तंपरिपाकवशात् प्रमृतिः । तम स्थितस्य मम बोलसमावसीति साधादभिकरचनाम् सयग्रसादात् ॥ तन परश्वसरीति दत्तमितं प्रसूतं फलति कल्पियेलाविष्टितां सृत्यातीम् । प्रतिदिवसस्पर्योभिकितौत्वतानां फलिस्टिनिति शस्त्री शब्दते केन वक्तम् ॥

* This syllable should ordinarily be short.

⁶ सात् (क)

क adds the following before दिजी दिख्य etc:—

महाकालवर्ग सेर्ने कदाविदलमिक्या ।

सेसारममणीपेत्रयमापनयने जमा ॥

पद्धसमहोकालेसितसीवै(१)वर्ष ततः ।

यतः कारणमुणिकदेपचारैः प्रधतेत ॥

and reads the stanza दिजी दिख्य etc., alightly modified:

विजी दिख्यराधीयों बनयामविनिर्मितः ।

एलानुधिमदं वधीरिमा स्विमनयवन् ॥

D.11271 (च) adds the following stanza before विजी दिख्य etc:—

महाकालन सिक्यनामामीदेन विरक्षया ।

संसारीज्ञदेदस्य सद्यवद्यं चमम् ॥

समाराज्यस्य सम्प्रवास सम्म् ॥
and reads the stanza विजी दलिय etc., slightly modified:—
विजी दलियदेशीयी नवदामविशिक्ति: ।
क्वायुषह्यः श्रकीरिमा स्तिमधीकरत् ॥

No. 18.-A NOTE ON THE HALAYUDHA STOTRA IN THE AMARESVARA TEMPLE.

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There are several Sanskrit stötras engraved on the side walls of the ardhamandapa in the Amarēśvara Temple at Māndhātā, which were copied by me early in 1938. The northern wall contains three of these, viz., (1) a stotra in 8 lines and 9 verses in praise of the river Narmada, (2) the well known Siva-Mahimna-stötra in 40 verses taking up 22 lines and (3) a single verse in 3 lines in praise of Siva and Parvati. The main record on the southern wall contains the text of the Halayudha-stotra. Several manuscripts of this stotra are preserved in the Government Oriental Library at Madras (Nos. 11271-11278), some of which are with commentaries in Sanskrit, Telugu and Kanarese. I have already noticed these records in the Annual Report, Arch. Survey of India, for the year 1937-38 in the chapter on Epigraphy. Though Hiralal noticed all these records as unimportant, I found the colophon of the Halāyudha-stotra to be of sufficient interest for the history of Sanskrit literature, and as the stotra has not yet been published, I requested my friend Vidyāsāgara Vidyāvāchaspati P. P. Subrahmanya Šāstrī, Professor of Sanskrit in the Madras Presidency College and honorary Curator of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library at Madras, to undertake to edit the record in the Epigraphia Indica-a request to which he readily responded. This note only supplements the information contained in his introduction to the text edited above. I have also given below the text of ll. 48-56 of the record which Professor Sastrī has omitted as it is not relevant to the Halāyudha-stōtra.

The whole record is in 56 lines, and is engraved on four rectangular slabs of stone fixed into the wall on the southern side. The first slab contains 10 lines, the second 21 lines, the third 22 lines and the fourth only 3 lines of writing. The last lines of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th slabs (i.e., ll. 31, 53 and 56) are only half lines. A few letters at the end of each complete line are now missing but wherever possible these have been restored from manuscripts now preserved in the Government Oriental Library. The script is Nagari and the language Sanskrit throughout. The engraving is rather shallow but on the whole well executed. There are a number of grammatical and other errors, particularly in the portion which is the writer's own composition. All these have been noticed in footnotes or in the body of the text. These mistakes show that the writer, though he calls himself a Pandit, was not well versed in Sanskrit.

The record opens with the phrase Om namah Śivāya which is immediately followed by the Halāyudha-stotra in praise of Siva. The stotra actually finishes in v. 63, the last verse being a colophon containing an account of the author of the hymn. This is immediately followed by another hymn (ll. 48-50) in 5 verses the text of which is identical with that found in the Siva-dvādašanāma-stōtra² and gives the 12 principal names of Siva. Then comes a verse enumerating five jyötirlingas, viz., those at Avimukta (Benares) and Kēdāra, besides Ömkāra, Amara and Mahākāla (at Ujjayinī). It may be noted here that though the names of Omkāra and Amara have been given separately, the eight other great lingas have been omitted in this list.

Lines 51-53 give the names of a few Saiva teachers in the following terms: In the city of Bhōja, living in the Sōmēśvaradēva monastery and hailing from Namdiyada was the Pāśupata teacher Bhattāraka śrī-Bhāvavālmīka whose disciple was Bhattāraka śrī-Bhāvasamudra. L. 53 mentions also Pandita Bhavavirimchi. Apparently the two mentioned last were responsible for setting up the records found on these four slabs. The next two lines contain an account of the

List of Inscriptions in the C. P. and Berar (2nd ed.), p. 84, No. 151.

^{*}See Catalogue of Manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, Nos. 9259-9261.

writer, Pandita Gandhadhvaja of the Chapala-gōtra. He was a disciple of Vivēkarāši who was again a disciple of the Paramabhaṭṭāraka śrī-Supūjitarāši.

The last line contains the date, undoubtedly of the setting up of the record, which I have read as Samvat I[1]20 Kārttika vadi 13. The reading of the second digit is, however, uncertain which may also be read as 2. The same date is given at the end of the Mahimna-state found engraved on the northern wall which was also written by the same Pandita mentioned there as Gandhadhvaja, and also at the end of the Narmadā-stōtra, without giving the month and the tithi in both the places. But in these instances also the second digit is not clear. Unfortunately the date cannot be verified for want of sufficient details. If the year is 1120 the date would ordinarily correspond to Friday, the 21st November, A.D. 1063 and if read as 1220 the corresponding date in Christian era would be Sunday, the 27th October, A.D. 1163, taking the year as Chaitrādi and the month pūrpimānta in both cases.

I have in the Annual Report referred to above discussed in detail the identity of the poet Halayudha and also of Dēchaya who wrote a commentary on this stotra in the sixteenth century A.D. I have shown there that the Halayudha of our record could not be any of the three scholars of the same name mentioned by Mr. J. C. Ghosh,2 all of whom flourished during the reign of the Sena kings of Bengal. Prof. Sastri has now adduced an additional proof that undoubtedly the same Halöyudha has been referred to in the Telugu Dvipada Basavapurāna2 of Pālkuriki Sōmanatha who lived towards the end of the twelfth century. I have also suggested in the same place that our Halayudha may be identical with the author of the Kavirahasya, the Abhidhanaratnamala and the Mritasañjivani, the last mentioned being a commentary on Pingala's Chhandahsutra. It need not worry us that the first named work was written in the court of the Rashtrakuta king Krishnaraja III (A.D. 939-967) and the last mentioned work in the court of a different ruler, viz., the Paramara Munja-Vakpati (A.D. 974-993), as it is quite possible that the poet after the death of his Rashtrakūta patron moved to the Paramara court which was noted for its patronage for learning at that time. Mr. Ghosh has identified Navagrama in Dakshina-Radha with the village of the same name in the Bhurshut pargana of the Hooghly District in Bengal. We cannot argue that it is not possible for a poet hailing from far off Bengal to be at the courts of two prominent Indian rulers, one having his capital at Mälkhed in the Nizām's Dominions and the other at Dhār in Central India, when we know of several other scholars from Bengal who held a similar position.

L. 51 of the record mentions Bhōjanagara and a monastery there known as Sōmēśvaradēvamatha. One is tempted to identify Bhōjanagara with Dhārā, the capital city of the Paramāras
and the monastery with an establishment built probably by the Chālukya Sōmēśvara I who for a
time occupied the Paramāra kingdom. But it is to be remembered that the capital city of the
Paramāras is always referred to as Dhārā even at the time of Bhōja and his successors also continued to use the same name. It is not also certam whether the matha was built by a ruler called
Sōmēśvaradēva or was simply attached to a temple of Śiva known as Śōmēśvara. I am also not
able to identify Namdiyada, the original residence of the Śaiva ascetic Bhāvayālmīka.

² According to this work Haliyudha belonged to Navapura which is apparently the same as Navagrama of our record, see Bassonpuranams (Andhra-granthamali series), p. 127.

See Indian Culture, Vol. I, p. 702 and Vol. II, pp. 380 f. See also the Kollagallu Inscription of the Räshtra-kūta Khöttiga (above, Vol. XXI, pp. 263 ff.) which mentions a Gadādhara of Tadā-grāmu in Bengal.

¹ Indian Culture, Vol. 1, p. 503 ff.

³ Indian Culture, Vol. I, p. 503. Bhurshut is the ancient Bhūriārēshthi in Dakshina-Rādha where Srīdhara completed his Nyāyakundalī, a commentary on the Padārtkapravēša in Saka 913 (A.D. 901). It is also the Bhūriārēshthika of the Prabēdhachandrēdayu of Krishnamiāra (11th century), which is stated to be the birth-place of 'Ahankāra'. This leaves no doubt that the place was well known in the 10th and 11th centuries.

TEXT.

- Prathamam tu! Mahādēvam dvitīyam cha Mahēsvaram(ram)| tri(tri)tīyam Sankaram iñēyam² chaturtham Vrishabhadhvajam(jam) [||1||*] Pamchamam Kri[ttiväsam cha sha*].*
- 49 shtham Kāmānganāšanam(nam) [|*] saptamam Dēvadēvēšam Šrīkantham ch-āshtamam smritam(tam)* [[2]]*] Navamam Iśvaram devam daśamam Pārvvatīpriyam(vam) [[*] Rudram=ēkādašath nāma dvādašath Šivam=uchyatē | [3]*] Dvādaš=aitāni* nāmāni ubhayē samdhyat yah pathët* [1*] goghnah kritaghnas-ch-aiva vra(bra)hmahā guru-talpakah10 [[4] *] Stri-vā(bā)la-[ghātaka4-ch-ajva*]*
- surāpayī¹¹ vrishalī-patih¹² [[*] muchyatā sarvva-pāpēbhyō Rudra-lōkam¹² sa gachchhati || [5||*] Avimuktaś-cha Kēdāra Omkāraś-ch-Āmaras-tathā [|*] pamchamam(mas-) tu Mahākālah pameha-lingāh prakirttayēu | [6] *] Ajnānā[d*]=jñānatō vā-pi yad-viruddham-
- 51 Svasti [1*] Śri-Bhōja-nagarē śri-Sōmēśvaradēva-matha-nivāsī Namdiyada-vinirggatam-(tah) praņāma-gōtra-yama-niyama-samja(ya)ma-svādhyāya - dhyāu - ānushṭhāna - rata - paramaśri-Amarēśvaradēvō(va)-trailōky-Päšupat-āchārya-bhaţţāraka-śrf-Bbāvavālmika[h*] Adhipatih(teh) dhyana-punya-sa- .18
- 52 ētat(ch)-si(chhi)shya ifsht-ādhi]ka-pradāna-rata-trih(tri)kāla-samidhya(dhyā)-samādhikarana-guru-pāramparya-vidhāna-yukta[h*] árī-Amarēšvaradēva-pāda-pamkaja-bhramara ādhvīna(ādhvanika ?)-pathasrā(śrā)nta-tapōdhan-ābhyāgat-ālaya17 - - samtāpah | 118
- 53 árī-Amarēšvaradēva-vīkshaņa-mūrtti-sadā-nivāsī bhaṭṭāraka-śrī-Bhāvasamudrah || pamdita-Bhāvavirimchi[h*] praņamati Šivah(vam)||
- 54 || Omis avastiff* | Śri-Amarčávara-děvasy=āyatan[ē] trailōkya-viárut[ē] sthānē dēva-dānavadur[jjaya]-dēva-guru-na(ta)pōdhata(na)-su(śu)śrūshā-rata-paramabhattāraka-śrī-Supū-
- 55 jitarāsi(ših) [1*] etat(ch)-si(chhi)shya-Vivēkarāsi(ših) [1*] punah tasya sishya(šishvēna) Chapalagotra-vinirggata-sahaja-bhakti-šānta-mūrtti-paṇḍita-Gāndhadhvajēna paramabhaktya mahimna 10 Ha-
- 56 läyudha-stutim ätmasy=ärthēn svayam likhitam-iti || Samvat 1[1]20 Kärttika-vadi 13[1*] Mangalam mahāśrih | | | |

5 M. nama.

11 Bend surapo.

13 M. Sivalökam.

- M. cha (M. denotes Ms. No. 9260 in the Govt. Or. Manuscripts Library, Madras). 3 M. nāma,
- * Restored from M.
- * M. Dévadécam cha.
- 6 Read Navamam=10.
- 8 M.maitati.
- 11 M. mrā-pān-ādi-pātakah,

- 10 M. brahmaghnő guru-talpagab.

- 11 Read prakirttitāh.
- 14 Metre of verses 1-7 is Anushfubl.
- ¹⁸ These two letters are illegible. A few letters after these also appear to have been missing.
- 17 There is some space between to and is but this portion seems to have been left un-engraved owing to a damage in the stone.
 - 14 Dandas unnecessary.
 - 10 Apparently intended for Sica-mahimaö.
- 18 Expressed by a symbol.

5 M. Nilakanthamathashfamam.

* Read as in M. tri-sandhyam yah pathën=narah.

n Read atma-érégörthé.

No. 19.-TWO INSCRIPTIONS ON COPPER-PLATES FROM NUTIMADUGU.

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These copper-plates which were in the possession of a peasant of the village Nutimadugu in the Anantapur District were shown to Mr. C. N. Jeevanna Rao, B.E., Minor Irrigation Supervisor of the District, when he had gone to the village during one of his periodical official visits. It appears that while the eastle-shed attached to the house of the peasant was being repaired, the plates were found buried under the lower wooden hinge of the door of the shed. Mr. Rao kindly brought them to the notice of Mr. M. Srikanta Srouty, B.E., Local Fund Assistant Engineer, Anantapur, who sent them on to me for examination. As they were somewhat corroded when I got them, they were sent to the Archmological Chemist in India who was good enough to clean them. I edit them below with the kind permission of the Government Epigraphist for India.

The plates are three in number each of which is 54" in breadth and 94" in length from the centre of the arch at the top. They are strung together on a copper ring which did not bear any seal when the plates were received in the office of the Government Epigraphist for India. It was found that the ring had not been soldered. So it is difficult to say definitely whether this is the original ring which held the plates when they were issued; it is not impossible that the original ring to which the royal seal was attached, might have been lost and the present ordinary ring substituted in its place. The rims of the plates are slightly raised in order to preserve the writing. The weight of the plates, with the ring, is 116 tolas,

At the outset it must be observed that the set of plates is a palimpsest containing two records, one, an Eastern Chalukya grant of the 10th century A.D. and the other, which has been engraved over the earlier inscription, of the time of the Vijayanagara prince Triyambaka. I am unable to explain the circumstances under which the original Chālukya document was used by prince Triyambaka of the first or Sangama dynasty of Vijayanagara for writing his own charter more than five centuries after the original was engraved and why it was defaced and a new one incised upon it.

Of the original Eastern Chalukya grant which I shall call A, both the beginning and the end are missing. The extant portion starts on the first side of the second plate of the Vijayanagara grant (hereafter called B) and after being continued on its second side and on the first (outer) side of the first plate ends on the second side of the latter, after giving the name of the king and the geographical division in which the donated village or land was situated. The portion which must have contained the details of the gift such as the name, gotra, family, etc., of the donee, the name of the village or land granted and its boundaries, the date of the grant and the imprecatory verses. is lost. This must have been engraved on a separate plate which was probably removed at the time when the Vijayanagara grant was engraved and the third plate of the present set which is altogether a new one inserted in its place. Both the plates of the earlier grant are inscribed lengthwise like all Eastern Chālukya grants. It should be noted that these two plates have been slightly cut out at both the corners on the top (i.e., on the left-hand side when held lengthwise) in order to give them the shape of an arch like all Vijayanagara copper-plate grants. During this process some letters in each line have been lost. The later grant was engraved upon three of the four sides of the earlier one. Even on the side that was not defaced by being again written upon (i.e., the first side of the first plate of B) a portion on the right-hand side is damaged by corresion and some of the letters cannot be read. On the second side of the second plate of B, only half the portion of the original document has been written upon and the letters on the other half, though well beaten, are visible and can be read. Of the remaining portion of the inscription only faint traces are seen, but with the help of the other grants of the Eastern Chalukya dynasty I have succeeded in deciphering to a great extent the preserved portion of the record. The alphabet is ancient Telugu of the 10th century A.D. and the language of the extent portion is Sanskrit.

In spite of the shortcomings noted above this inscription (A) which refers itself to the reign of Vikramāditya (II) is valuable as it is the first and only record of the king yet discovered. As pointed out above, its beginning, which must have been written on a plate which does not now form part of the set, is missing. The first king mentioned is Jayasirihavallabha (i.e., Jayasiriha I) who, as in all other records of the Eastern Chālukya dynasty, is given a reign of thirty years. Then follows the genealogy of the dynasty recording the length of each reign, down to Vikramāditya (II) who is introduced in the usual prose preamble to the grant (II. 25—27) with the biradas of Samastabhucanāsraya, Mahārājādhirāja, Paramāsvara, Paramabhaṭṭāraka and Paramabrahmanya. He issues a command to the Rāshṭrakūṭas and others inhabiting the Kanḍēruvāḍi-vishaya. The name of this rishaya occurs in different forms as Ganḍēruvāṭi, Kanḍēruvāḍi, Kanḍēruvāḍi and Kanḍravāḍi in several Eastern Chālukya inscriptions and its chief town Kanḍēru, after which the district was named, has been identified with Kantēru in the Guntur District.¹ The grant portion which was recorded next and the date, if it was given, are lost thus depriving us of some valuable facts.

No information of any historical importance that is not already known can be gathered about the predecessors of the donor, viz., king Vikramāditya II. Attention may, however, be drawn to the length of reign assigned to Vijayāditya II, the builder of 108 temples of Narēndrēšvara. He is here stated to have reigned only for 10 years as in the majority of the Eastern Chālukya copper-The verses describing the reign of Vikramāditya (II) are new and not found in any other record of the family so far known. The first of them states that he regained the ancestral throne which had been forcibly seized by Talapa after killing him. The verses that follow praise his prowess in war in a conventional style, but one interesting fact which one of them (v. 5) discloses is that he fought one hundred battles for eight years and took the kingdom (from his enemies) along with Fame. But it is not possible to say whether this refers to his fight with Tala or to another war as a result of which he made some conquests and extended his kingdom. If by the expression rājyam kīrttyā samam-agrahīt, his obtaining the ancestral kingdom is meant we would get an idea of the period of time that was taken by Vikramāditya in regaining the throne from Tala. No doubt the Maliyapundi grant of Ammaraja II tells us that Vikramaditya (II) slew " at the head of a rough battle this Tala-raja together with crowds of different vassals, who were joined by a superior army (and) had troops of furious elephants "z. It is, however, not certain whether Vikramāditya was engaged in fighting Tāla and his allies after Tāla became king. But all the Eastern Chalukya inscriptions assign to Tala a reign of only one month. If, however, the rival claimants were engaged in warfare for eight years, it is difficult to guess who ruled the country during this long interval between the period after the ejection of Kanthika-Beta by Tala, and the time when the latter succeeded temporarily in seizing the Chālukya throne. No clue to such an interregnum is available from any of the Chalukya records. The question can be solved only by future discoveries.

Of inscription B the second plate is written on both sides, the first and third being written on the inner side only. But the lower half of the second side of the second plate and the upper half of the third plate are left blank. The plates are numbered one, two and three respectively in Kannada numerals. The record, like many other grants of the Vijayanagara kings, is written in Nandinagari characters except the sign-manual iri-Triyambaka in line 68 which is in

¹ Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 56.

Above, Vol. IX, p. 55.

Kannada-Telugu script. The alphabet employed is regular for the period to which the record purports to belong and closely resembles that of the Srīrangam plates of Mallikārjuna: dated Saka 1384, and the Śrīśaniam plates of Virūpākaha of Saka 1388. The language is Sanskrit and excepting the words *rī-Gaṇādhipatayē namab in the beginning of 1. 1 and *rī-Triyambaka in the last line the whole inscription is in verse. Many faults common to Vijayanagara grants such as mistakes of spelling, dropping of anusvāra or visarga, using them in places where they are unnecessary and omissions of letters, are found in this one also. As they have been corrected in the body of the text or in foot-notes it is not necessary to notice them here in detail.

The record is important as it is the second known grant of the Yusuraja Triyambaka; the only other inscription of this prince is published in the Mysore Archaelogical Report for 1925, though its importance had not been recognised or discussed. The genealogical portion from Sangama down to Triyambaka is common to both the grants. Opening with invocations to the Boar-incarnation of Vishnu and Ganesa respectively, the present grant mentions the Moon and his descendant Yadu who ruled the earth. The following genealogy is then given:—



The epigraph further proceeds to state that after Triyambaka's father had gone to beaven, Immadi-Praudha-Dēvēndra (i.e., Mallikārjuna') became king. Verses 15 to 17 tell us that he bore the paramount titles of Rājādhirāja and Rājaparamēšiura and give a list of the king's birudas—the usual epithets of the Vijayanagara kings of the first dynasty. He is stated in verse 18 to have anointed his elder brother Triyambaka as Yuvarāja. This prince who was also called Chikkodeya was established (as Governor) at Ghanādri (i.e., Penugoņda) by the king (v. 19).

The object of the inscription is to record that while Prince Triyambaka was governing his province (of Ghanādri) he granted the village of Bommehāju, renaming it as Lakshmīpura, after the name of his mother, to the Brāhman Māchivōkta, son of Vallabhōkta of the Šuklayajuššākhā on Monday, the full-moon day of Kārttika in the cyclic year Yuva, the Śaka year being 1377 which is expressed by the numerical words dhātu (7) adri (7) gaņa (3) and bhū(1). The date is slightly irregular as the full-moon day of Kārttika in the year cited fell on Saturday, the

Above, Vol. XVI, plate between pp. 350 and 351.

⁸ Above, Vol. XV, plate facing p. 22.

[&]quot; Pp. 98 ff.

⁸ Seo Ep. Cara. Vol., III, Seringapatam 89 and Kielkotn's Southern List, No. 497.

25th October A.D. 1455. The discrepancy may be due to the fact that the engraver might have written Somavara by mistake for Saurivara; or it is not impossible that, while the grant was actually made on Saturday, it was recorded on Monday and this latter day was cited by mistake. The done is stated to have been well versed in Vēdas and Sāstras and to have mastered the science of polity (niti-śāstra). The Yucarāja made the grant in the presence of god Triyambaka at Bhāskarakshētra (i.e., Hampi). The donated village Bommehāļu was situated in Pandemērumāgaņi, which was a sub-division of Gutti-rājya in the calita (district) of Penugonda. After the imprecatory verses the record closes with the signature of the Yucarāja Triyambaka.

The donor Yucarāja Triyambaka is known, as already stated, only from two records (including the one under publication) and not noticed in any of the genealogies of the first dynasty of Vijayanagara so far published. From vv. 11-12 of the present record we learn that he was the son of Dēvarāya. But the most interesting fact revealed by our inscription is that he was the elder brother of the king Immadi-Praudha-Devendra (i.e., Mallikarjuna). If he was actually the elder brother, how could his younger brother Mallikärjuna succeed to the throne ! The question can be answered in two ways; one is to consider that Mallikarjuna, who ascended the throne after the death of Triyambaka's father, was the son of the pattamahishi (senior queen) and Triyambaka, though older in age, was the son of a junior queen and that consequently the throne passed on to Mallikarjana after his father's death. The second is to regard Mallikarjuna and Triyambaka as sons of brothers, that is to say, Mallikarjuna belonged to the senior line and Triyambaka to the junior line, for it is quite common among Hindus to address and mention cousins as brothers.1 This raises an important issue, viz., if Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka were actual brothers, were they the children of Devaraya II or his younger brother Pratapa-Devaraya ? From the use of the epithet praudha-pratapa-vibharah which is applied in the present grant to Devaraya, the father of Trivambaka, it would appear that they were the sons of Pratapa-Dēvarāya, who is considered by some scholars to have had the distinctive title of Praudha-Pratapa.2 From the inscription under publication we learn that Immadi-Praudha-Dēvēndra became king after the death of Triyambaka's father who, if Triyambaka and Mallikārjuna were brothers, would also be the father of the latter. This would mean that the father of the brothers i.e., Pratapa-Devaraya, the younger brother of Devaraya II. was the predecessor of Mallikarjuna on the throne of Vijayanagara. And in support of this conclusion it may be argued that some inscriptions which refer themselves to the reign of a certain Vijaya and bear dates later than the death of Devaraya II (A.D. 1446)* might have been issued by Pratapa-Devaraya, who is known from an inscriptions to have had the surname of Vijaya. But there is one serious objection to this theory. Abdur Razak, who was an envoy from Persia to the court of Devaraya II, and who had an audience with him has recorded that the younger brother (Pratapa) was killed in A.D. 1443, i.e., 3 years before the death of his elder brother.3 And there appears to be no reason to doubt the veracity of the statement of this contemporary writer. If, however, Mallikärjuna and Triyambaka were the sons of Devaraya II this difficulty would not arise. But in this case we would have to admit that Devaraya II, the father and predecessor of Immadi-Praudha-Dēvēndra was also described as praudha-pratāpa-vibhava. This expression, then, is to be regarded as either being used indiscriminately as a biruda both of Dēvarāya II and his younger brother Pratāpa-Dēvarāya or, that it was not a biruda and had no

t As it is not known from any source that Mallikärjuna was nominated as the successor to his father in preference to his elder brother, this alternative is not considered here.

Above, Vol. XVII, p. 195.

An. Rep. A. S. I. for 1907-08, p. 251.

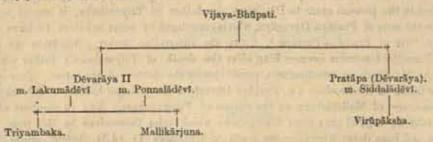
⁴ Mys. Arch. Rep. 1921, p. 30.

⁺ Sewell : A Forgotten Empire, pp. 73 ff.

special significance but was merely a descriptive epithet. This view is further strengthened by the fact that while all the known copper-plate grants of Virūpāksha, besides stating that his father was Pratūpa, contain a reference to Pratūpa's elder brother (i.e., Dēvarāya II), Mallikārjuna's copper-plate records mention only his father Dēvarāya II. We have also inscriptions of Dēvarāya II where he is described as praudha-pratūpa-prakatita-mahimā or praudha-pratūpa-cibhavah. If this surmise is accepted, the inscriptions which refer themselves to the reign of Vijaya, after the date of the death of Dēvarāya II, will have to be attributed, as suggested by the late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri, to Mallikārjuna himself.

Now let us examine the possibility of taking Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka as cousins, the latter being the son of a junior member of the line though older in age than the former. As pointed out above, according to our inscription Immadi-Praudha-Dēvēndra (i.e., Mallikārjuna) succeeded Triyambaka's father Dēvarāya after the latter's death. In other words Mallikārjuna (who belonged to the senior line) succeeded his uncle. Since Dēvarāya II is not known to have had more than one brother who was variously called Pratāpa, Dēvarāya and Śrīgiri, it follows that Pratāpa did reign at least for sometime after the death of his elder brother. But this surmise again comes into conflict with the definite statement of Abdur Razak who was a contemporary of Dēvarāya.

It, therefore, appears to me that the most satisfactory solution of the problem is to consider both Mallikārjuna and Triyambaka, as the sons of Dēvarāya II from two different queens and that Mallikārjuna, being the son of the patta-mahishī (senior queen) ascended the throne after his father. As a matter of fact, we know that Mallikārjuna's mother was Ponnalādēvī; and Triyambaka's mother was Lakumādēvī. If this view is correct the order of descent of the princes of this family from Vijaya-Bhūpati downwards would be as shown below:—



Attention may be drawn to another interesting fact revealed by the inscription, namely, that Triyambaka had the surname Chikkodeya. Nuniz mentions after Dēvarāya II a prince named Pinarao who was assasinated. If we could rely upon this writer's account—in many places his statements are inaccurate—there would be no impossibility in considering Chikkodeya to be identical with Pinarao, the latter name being but a Telugu variant of the Kannada form Chikkodeya.

Of the geographical places mentioned in the inscription it is well known that Bhāskarakehētra is Hampi (Bellary District) which was the capital of the Vijayanagam kings. The donated village Bommehālu may be identified with Bommeparti situated at a distance of seven miles from Anantapur. Gutti, after which the division Gutti-rājya was named, is Gooty, the headquarters of a taluk in the Anantapur District. Ghanādri is the Sanskritized form of Panugonda which is also the headquarters of another taluk in the same district. It was from the

See e.g., Ep. Cara., Vol. XI, Chitaldroog 29 and ibid., Vol. VIII, Nagar 65.

² An. Rep. A. S. I., 1907-08, p. 246.

³ Ep. Carn., Vol. VIII, Nagar 65.

⁴ Sewell: A Forgotten Empire, p. 303.



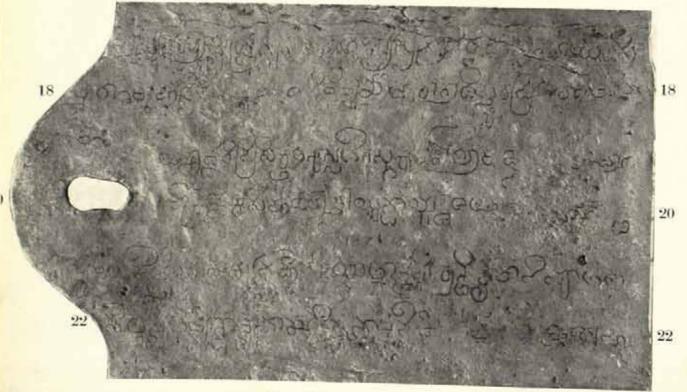
Two Inscriptions on Copper-Plates from Nutimadugu.

A.—Incomplete grant of the Eastern Chalukya Vikramaditya (II).

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From photographs.

time of Harihara I and Bukka I the seat of a Viceroyalty¹ and became the capital of the Vijayanagara kingdom after the destruction of Hampi following the Tālikōṭa disaster. The sub-division Paṇḍemēru-māgani was apparently named after the stream Paṇḍamēru which feeds the big tank of Bukkarāyasamudram at Anantapur.

TEXT of A.

3Second Plate; First Side.

- 1 Tat-putrō Jayasimha-vallabhas=trayastrimśad -va[rshāṇi] | tad-anu-
- 2 [j-Ēndra-rā*]⁵jasya priya-tana[yō] Vishņuvarddhanō nava [vatsa]rān | tat-sutō Mamgiyu-
- 3 [varājah pa*]ñchavimśati[m*] | tat-putrō Jayasimhas=trayōdaśa vatsarān [l*] taddvaimātur-ānujah
- 4 [Kōkki*]liḥ shaṇ=māsān I tasya [jyēshṭhō] bhrātā Vishṇuvarddha[naḥ] sv-ānujam= ājā[v=u]-
- 5 [chchā*]tya saptatrimsata | tat-tanujo Vijayāditya-bhattārakah ashtā[dasa]
- 6 [varshāṇi*] tad-aurasō Vishņurājah shaṭtrimśad-abdān6 | tat-sutō Vijayādityaś=
- 7 "[a]shtöttara-śata-śrīman-Narēndrēśvara-kārakaḥ [i*] tad-ātmajaḥ [Ka]li-Vishnu-varddhanas=s-ārddha-
- 8 [samām | tat-sutō*] Vijayāditya[h] chatuschatvārimsads-varshāni | tad-bhrātur= yuvarājasya Vi-

Second Plate : Second Side.

- 9 [kramādityasya*] tanayaḥ Chālukya-Bhīmas=trimsad8-varshāṇi | tat-sutō Vijayādi-
- 10 [tyaḥ shaṇ=māsā*]n | 10 sapta-samvatsarān=ta(rāms=ta)sya sūnur=Amma-mahīpatiḥ [|*] Yātē Gaṇḍaragaṇḍa-bhū[bhu]
- 11 ∪ ∪ prāpt-ābhishēkas=ta[ta]s=sūnuṁ ∪ vaśāt=sa ∪ Vijayādityaṁ punas= Tālapa[ḥ |*]
- 12 — ru-gatam vidbāya ba — [bhūya] bhūmīśva[rō] bhūmim pālayati
- 13 v v v tam śrutvā vachō v [||1*]11 Āgatya drutam=āyata-pratimukha
- 14 — n=uddhatān=hatvā tad-rudhirā bhīma-[ba]la nistrimsa-bhāsvad-bhuja-[h l] tan=dagdhvā
- 15 UU U V Srīmad-Vikramāditya-bhūpālas=Tālapam=ēsha paṭṭam=avahach=
- 16 u — [||2*] ii Viśāl-āvakāśam=imam......kshiti-payōrāśi[shu] kūla-śālī

An. Rep. A. S. I., 1907-08, pp. 239 and 241.

^{*} From the original plates.

⁹ The first plate is lost. As the extant portion of the genealogy starts with Jayasimha I, the second ruler of the Eastern Chālukya line, it is not likely that more than one plate is lost.

⁴ Read °śatam varshāni.

⁵ The portions enclosed within square brackets with asterisk have been lost and here supplied with the help of other Eastern Chālukya grants.

⁶ Read °śatam abdani.

⁷ From here up to karakah the text appears to be half an Anushtubh verse.

⁶ Read °śatam varshāni.

This punctuation mark has been engraved after erasing a superfluous na.

¹⁰ From here up to mahipatih the text seems to contain a half verse in Anushtubh.

¹¹ Metre: Śārdūlavikrīdita.

Third Plate: First Side.

-t-prabhur-adhipatër-vvasva sarëruhasanah | [3*]1 Yad-asi
- 18 V V tv-āgādham-mahad-ripur-ambugair-vvišati vimukhō vārām rāšim sohuradrana-ramgatah | va
- vanitā-chakshur-vvāri-prasikta-tanus-satīn-asakrid-akhilā jajāē - -19
- U U | [4*] Vikram-aika-sahāyō=shtau vu[d*]dhyā vuddha-satam samā[h |] vuddhā labdha
- 21 — rājyam yah kirttyā samam=agrahīt ∥ [5*] Yat-kānti-vikrānti-krit-ābhibhūtī la
- 22 - - chitta-vrirti(vritti) | [1*] chandro mrig-ārāti-ruchāv-ap-imau iātau

Third Plate : Second Side.

- 23 - [| 6*]* [A]panudati parēshām rāga-mō[hau ya]dīyō [di]šati eha karavāla
- 24 - chiravati samagram bhūri-sāmsāra-mohan-Nara iva
- 25 [bhu f]vi siddhō lōka-vikhyāta-kirttih | [7*]4 Sa samastabhuvanāšraya-šrī-
- 26 [Vi]kramāditya-mahārājādhirāja-paramēšvara-paramabhattāra-
- 27 [ka-pa]ramabrahmanyah Kandērvvādi vishaya nivāsino rāshtrakūta pramukhā-
- 28 [n=kutumbinas=sa]rvvān=ittham=ājñāpayati viditam=astu |mādityā...*

TEXT of B.

[Metres: -Vv. 1, 3-35 Anushtubh, v. 2 Sraodhara, v. 36 Salini.]

First Plate.

- 1 Śri-Ganādhipatayē namah | Avyād-vah prathamah Pautri(Pōtrī) sarasā-
- 2 m-udvahan=rasā[m | *] priy-āriga-sathjāta-śā(sā)ndra-śvē(svē)d-ōdayām=i-
- 3 vah(iva) [[1*] Rimga[n*]n=utsamga-ramge nija-radana-diya(dhiya) Sam(Sam)karah
- 4 s-öttamänigad-a(ä)karshan(nn)-indu-lekham pitari gata-rada-stevam-
- 5 ārōpayamis-chah(cha) [[*] mātuh prōtsāhayamtyā smita-suchi-vadanam vīkshamā-
- 6 na(nah) sa-hāsam bālō vāskalya(vātsalya)-bhūmih kalayatu muditō mam-
- 7 galanyakadantah(lany-Ekadantah) [[] 2*] Asti kaustubba-kalpadru-kamadhenu-sahodara-(rah) [[*]
- 8 Ramānuja[h*] Sudhānāthah kshīra-sāgara-sambhavah [[3*] Udabhūd-anvayē ta-
- 9 sya Yadu-nāmā mahīpatih | pālitarh yat-kulīnīna(nēna) Vasudēvēna bhū-
- 10 talam(lam) [[] 4*] Abhūd=asya kulē srīmān=abham[gura*]-gun-ōdayah | apāsta-durit-ā-
- 11 samga[s*] Saringamo nama bhupatih [[5*] Dik-karidra(ndra)-du(dhu)r-adhara-dakshina-
- 12 skandha-bandhurah | Bukkaraya(s*)-tatah śriman=asid=ahaya-ka-13 rkasah(śah) III 6*) Ahīna-bhōga-śam(sam)saktir-asau rāja-śikhā-
- 14 manih I gopta Hariharam Gauryam kumaram-udapa-
- 15 dayat [[7*] Sishtam(Sishtan) samra[ksha*]to yasya dushtan=api pi(ni)gri-
- 16 hnatah I labdh-ārthair-vidushā[m*] sārthai[s*]-slāghyām(ghyā) Hā(Ha)ri-

¹ Metre may be Arya.

^{*} Metro : Harini.

Metre: Amushtubh.

^{*} Metre : Indravajrā.

Motro: Malini.

^{*} The continuation is missing.

From the original plates and ink-impressions,

- Har-atmatā III 8*1 Tusva Mēlāmbikā-jānēs-tanavo vina-
- y-dnnatah | (|) Pratapa-Devaray-akhya[h*] putra[s*]=Sutrama-
- vikramah [[9*] Tasya Dēmāmbikā jānēs ta[na*]yō [vinay-ō*]na(ōnna)tah [19
- 20 vidyā-vinava-vijnāna-nidhir-Vijaya-bhūpati/h | 10*1
- Tasya [Na]rāyanīdēvyā[m*] prādurāsid [d*]urāsada[h*] / prau-21
- 22 dha-prata[pa*]-vibhavō Dēvarāya-mahīpatih |[| 11*] Tasya śri-
- 23 Lakumādēvī bhāry=ābhūd bhūpā(pa)tēh priyā [[*] Lakshmīr=iva Murā-

Second Plate : First Side.

- rātē[h*] Pārvat-īva Pināki[nah] [[12*] Tayō[h*] prāchīna-punyānām 24
- paripāka-višēsbatah | tasyā[m*] Triyambaka[s*]-sākshāt-kumārah sa-25
- majāyata [[] 13*] Bhuvam hitvā divam yātē tātē tasya mahātmani l 26
- Im(I)mmadi-Praudha-Devemdro raj-abhūj-jagatīpatīh [[1 14*] Rajadhi-
- rājas=tējasvī yō rājaparamēšvarah []*] bhāsh-öllamghi-mahīpāla-28
- bhujamgama-vihamgarat [[15*] Vairi-bhupati-vētamda-chamda-29
- khamdana-kësari | gaj-augha-gamdabhërumdo gajëdra(ndra)-mri-30
- gayā-rata[h*] [[1 16*] Tri-rāja-bhujag-önnaddha-para-rāja-bhayam-31
- karah | Hi[m*]du-rāya-suratrāna ity-ādi-bhi(bi)rud-onnatah |[] 17*] 32
- Jyaya[m*]sam bhrataram raja Triyambaka-mahīpati[m](tim) | prada-
- rsa(rśa)ya[m*]ś-cha saubhrātram yauvarājyē-bhiśēśa(shēcha)yan [[1 18*] Śrīma
- ch-Chikkodey-ākhyam cha Ghanādrau sthāpan-ātaram(āntaram) | ēvam
- bhrātrā pradattē tu rājyē Chikkodahō(Chikkodeyō) balī [[] 19*] sva-rājva[m*] 36
- pālayann-atram(atra) dīvyati śrī-Triyambakah ||-|| (|) Śāli-37
- vāhana-nirnīta-Ša[ka*]-varsha-kram-āgatē [[1 20*] Dhātv-adi(adri)-guņa-
- bhū-yuktē Šak-ābdē Yuva-vatsarē | Kārttikyānı su(su)kla-pa-
- kshë cha pûrnamyā(nimā)yā[m*] mahā-tithau [[21*] Soma-vārē1 punya-
- kāl-ōdayē tathā | pavitrē Bhāskarakshētrē śri-Tri-41
- vambaka-sannidhau [[22*] Penugomd-akhya-valite Gutti-ra-42
- jye samanvage(nvite) | (|) Pamdemeru-maganau cha sthitam(tam) badha-43
- vivarjitam(tam) [[23*] Bommēhāļu-nāmānam grāmam hi sarva-
- sasyakam | Gururāyasya hōbaļyā vamcha chāru svākritam | [24*] Nīdhi-ni-

Second Plate; Second Side.

- ksbēpa-vāry-as(s)ma-siddha-sā[dhy-ā]kshin-īti cha | āgām-ītv=a-
- shta-bhog-ādhyam tēja-svāmya-samanvitam(tam) [[1 25*] Kuly-ārām-ādi-47
- samyuktam samasta-bali(li)-samyutam(tam) | agraharam=imam sarvam 48
- mānyam-ā-chamdra-tārakam(kam) [[1 26*] Sa-hirany-ōdaka[m*]dā-49
- nafm* dhara-purvam vatha-vidhi | nityam Lakshmipuram 50:
- ch=ēti mātur=nāmnā vidhāya cha 1 [1 27*] 1 7 51
- Śukla-vajuh-śākhā-pāram-gatas-tathā1 / Vallabhökt-ā-59
- tmajo vidvān Māchivokto dvij-ottamah [[] 28*] Vēda-sa-53
- stra-pravinaś-cha niti-śästra-parāyanah | par-ō-
- pakāra-kuśalah Siva-pūjā-paras-tathā [[1 29*] Natvā ta-

Four syllables are missing in the first quarter of this Anushtubh verse.

The second half of this verse is corrupt and I cannot suggest any emendation.

- 56 smai dvij-ēdrā(ndrā)va bhōktum dātum vath=ēpsayā I sa prādādd=yu-
- 57 varāj-ākhyas=Triyambakā(ka)-mahīpatih [[30*] Brāhmaņah sa cha sam-
- 58 hrishtah putra-pautra-samanvitah | rajanam-asisham cha-
- 59 krē śchi(chi)ramjīvī bhavatv=iti [[31*]

Third Plate.

- 60 Sva-dattām para-dattām vā vo harēta vasumdharām(rām) i shamshtir1=varsha-sa-
- 61 hasrāņi vishthāyām jāyatē krimiķ [[1 32*] Sva-datvā(dattād=)dviguņam puņyam pam (pa)-
- 62 ra-datt-ānupālanam(nē) | para-datt-āpahārēņa sva-dattam nishphalam bha-
- 63 vēt [[33*] Ēk=aiva bhagini lokē sarvēśā(shā)m=ēva bhūbhujām(jām)[l*] na bhōjyā na ka-
- 64 ra-grāhyā vipra-dattā vasumdharā | [34*] Dāna-pālanayōr=madhyē dānāch=chhrē-
- 65 yő=nupālanam(nam) l dānāt=svargam=avāpnōti pālanād=achyutam padam(dam) [[35*]
- 66 Samanyo=yam dharma-sētu[r*]=nripāņām kālē kālē pālanīyo bhavadbhih [1*]
- 67 sarvān=ētān=bhāvinah pārthiv-ēmdrān=bhūyō bhūyō yāchatē Rāmacham[drah] [| 36*]
- 68 śrī-Triyambaka

No. 20.—SANTA-BOMMALI PLATES OF INDRAVARMAN: [GANGA] YEAR 87.

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The copper-plates, which bear the subjoined inscription, were secured in 1925 from a farmer of the village of Sānta-Bōmmāli in the Ganjām District by Mr. Lakshminarayan Harichandan Jagadev, M.R.A.S., Rājā Bāhādur of Tēkkali, in whose ownership they now lie. The inscription seems to have been first published in the Utkala Sāhitya Parishad Patrikā of Cuttack, Vol. XXXI, which is not accessible to me. It was next dealt with by its present owner in the Journ. of the Andhra Hist. Res. Society (Vol. IV, pp. 21 ff. and plate). His introduction to and reading of the text of the inscription, however, having contained a number of inaccuracies, I take this opportunity to publish a revised edition. The present treatment is based on a reproduction of the plates accompanying the Rājā Bāhādur's paper referred to above.

The plates are three in number and measure 2 3 by 2 5. The first and the third plates bear writing on their inner faces only, while the second one is inscribed on both sides. The plates are in a perfect state of preservation. Towards the proper right end of each plate there is a hole for a ring of 2 1. in diameter to connect them. The seal, on which the ends of the ring are secured, measures about 4 3. and on it is said to be engraved the figure of a (couchant?) bull. The weight of the plates together with the ring is 5 2 tolas.

The characters belong to the southern class of alphabets and are almost of the same type as is found in the Achyutapuram plates (Year 87) and the Parlā-Kimēdi (Year 91)

¹ Read shashtim varsha-.

² J. A. H. R. S., Vol. IV, p. 21. I have not had any opportunity to verify this and the following information in this paragraph from the original plates. This record has also been noticed in An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1925-26, p. 10, Appendix A, No. 2.

³ No shape of the seal is given; perhaps it is of the usual small oval shape.

⁴ Above, Vol. III, pp. 127 ff.

plates of Indravarman. They have also a general resemblance to the script of the stray Tirlingi plate (Year 28?) as well as to that of the Narasingapalli (Year 79) and Urlam (Year 80) plates of Hastivarman.

The numerical symbols 80, 7 and 30 occur in line 23.

As in the Parlā-Kimēdi plates, the heads of the letters have in many places an imperfect and disjointed appearance, as if they had been partially worn away by rust. But as observed by Dr. Fleet, this is due, wherever it occurs, to faulty execution on the part of the engraver, in omitting sometimes to complete the mātrās and sometimes even to commence them at all. Otherwise, the engraving is fairly clearly done. There are six lines inscribed on each plate, the whole inscription containing twenty-four lines in all.

The language is Sanskrit. With the exception of three customary verses (ll. 19-23) and one concluding verse (l. 24), the inscription is written in prose throughout.

In respect of orthography, we have to notice (1) the use of the guttural nasal (n) before h in sinha, line 24, (2) the substitution of anusvāra by the class nasal of the following consonant in āyan=dāna, l. 18, (3) the doubling of dh in conjunction with a following y in -ānuddhyātaḥ, l. 7, (4) the frequent doubling of consonants after r, (5) the occasional doubling of consonants before r and (6) the use of anusvāra in place of the final form of m in phalam (l. 20) and =nupālanam (l. 21). The letters b and v are indicated by separate signs, the solitary exception being in parivādhā (l. 14). The rules of sandhi are observed throughout except in lines 5 and 17.

The object of the inscription is to record the gift of three halas of land towards meeting the expenses of offering regular worship and repairing the temple of god Rāmēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka in Dantayavāgū. Of these two halas lay in the village of Haribhaṭa in the district of Krōshṭukavarttanī and the third at Dantayavāgū itself. The gift was made into a permanent free-hold dēvāgrahāra by Indravarman, alias Rājasimha, who is described as belonging to the spotless family of the Gāngas.

The date of the inscription is given, in figures only, as the years of the prosperous victorious reign (pravarddhamāna-vijaya-rājya-sa:nvatsarāḥ) 80 7; (the month) Jyēshṭba; the day 30 (1. 23).

The charter was written by Vinayachandra, the son of Bhanuchandra (l. 24).

We have had as yet three published records of the reign of Indravarman, alias Rājasimha: they are (1) the Achyutapuram plates of the Year 87, (2) the Parlā-Kimēdi plates of the Year 91, and (3) the record under discussion.

Another single plate from Tirlingi (in the Ganjām District), apparently the last of a set, bears an inscription which is dated, according to Mr. S. N. Rajaguru⁵, in the year 28 of the Gānga era. The writer (and engraver) of this stray plate describes himself as

¹ Ind. Ant., Vol. XVI, pp. 131 ff. For a lithograph of the plates Dr. Fleet refers us to his Indian Inscriptions, No. 18. The plates are preserved in the Madras Museum. This work of Dr. Fleet does not seem to have been eventually published.

² J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 54 ff.

^a Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 62 ff.

⁴ Ibid., Vol. XVII, pp. 332 ff.

⁵ J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, p. 54.

Vinayachandra, the son of Bhanuchandra, who has been taken by Dr. D. R. Bhandarkar to be the namesake of the writer of the three records of Indravarman-Rajasimha mentioned above. Proceeding from this conjecture, Dr. Bhandarkar suggests that the word read by Mr. Rajaguru as denoting twenty-eight may actually be read as eighty-eight, thus satisfactorily adjusting the date of the plate within the reign of Indravarman of the present record. The reading of the date on this plate has also been doubted by Dr. R. C. Majumdar." The reproduction of the plate in question accompanying Mr. Rajaguru's papers is unfortunately too obscure to admit of verification on this point. What little however remains does not seem to support the reading ashthasitus.....asya as suggested by Dr. Bhandarkar.

Of the localities mentioned, Kalinganagara has been veriously identified with modern Kalingspatame at the mouth of the Vameadhara river or with Mukhalingam near Chicacole. The Kroshtukavarttani (vishaya) is mentioned in a number of early and later Ganga records. It has been identified by Dr. E. Hultzsch^a with modern Chicacole. A district (bhōqu) called Dantayavagu (really vagu) is mentioned in the Brihatproshtha grant of Umavarman (above, Vol. XII, p. 5, 1, 5). But I am unable to identify both this village and that of Haribhata.

Vinayachandra, the writer of the present record, was also responsible for preparing the draft of the two inscriptions of Hastivarman and two of Indravarman's mentioned above.

The biruda Rajasimha applied to Indravarman in the present record, also occurs in the Narasingapalli and Urlam plates of Hastivarman and also in the Achyutapuram and Parla-Kimedi plates of Indravarman.

The date of our inscription can be ascertained only very approximately. If, as is held by Prof. R. Subba Rao,10 the epoch of the Ganga era began from 494 A.D., the date of our record would fall at 494+87=581 A.D. Without caring however to arrive at any one particular year, we would not be far wrong if we placed our record in the period 570-625 A.D.

² A List of Inscriptions of Northern India, p. 285, f. n. 1.

^{*} Ibid., no. 2047.

³ Above, Vol. XXIII, p. 63, f. n. 1.

^{*} In any case, it begins with ashia. Of the two letters following, the second appears to be a ligature most probably with a guttural nasal (a); while the preceding one has a clear medial i sign. The arguments advanced by Mr. G. Ramdas (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 82-83) for doubting the genuineness of this atray plate do not appear to be conclusive. His reading of the date sitya=ashtha(sic)viti also is not borne out by the plate; for, the conjunct (read by Mr. Rajaguru as syn being a possessive case-ending) coming immediately after summissing cannot possibly be broken up into a and tyo.

⁴ Ind. Aut., Vol XVI, p. 132.

^{*} E.g., Urlam pls. (Yr. 80) of Hastivarman, Above, Vol. XVII, pp. 332 ff.; Chicacole pls. (Yr. 183) of Dévêndravarman, Above, Vol. III, pp. 131 ff.; Paris-Kimēdi pls. (Yr. 204) of Anantavarman, Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, pp. 144 ff., etc.

^{*} Above, Vol. XVII. pp. 332 ff.

^{*} He was also probably the same as the writer and engraver of the stray Tirlingi grant (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 54 ff.) the donor of which must remain, pending the discovery of the remaining plates of the set, a mysterious personality. Prof. R. Subba Rao however suggests (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. VI, p. 71) that the donor may be identified with Mitravarman, father of Indradhiraja, mentioned in the Godavari plates of Prithivimula (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 116 ff. and pls.). This Indradhiraja has further been held by Dr. Bhandarkar (List, p. 266, No. 1904 and f. n. 1) to be identical with Indravarman of the Jirjingi pls. of the Ganga Year 39 (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 51 ff.).

¹⁸ J. A. H. R S., Vol. V, pp. 267-76.

TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 Om's Svasti [*] Sarvv-artu-sukha-ramaniyad=vijaya-Kalinganagarāt-sakala-bhuvananirmmä-
- n-aika-sūtradhārasya bhagavatō Gōkarnnasvāminas-charana-kamala-yugala-pranā-
- 3 mād-apagata-kali-kalamkō vinaya-naya-sampadām-ādhārah sv-āsi-dhārā-
- parispand-ādhigata-sakala-Kaling-ādhirājyas-chatur-udadhi-taranga-mēkhal-ā-
- 5 vani-tala-pravitat-amala-yasah ancka-samara-samkshöbha-janita-jaya-sa
- 6 bdő Gäng-āmala-kula-pratishthah pratāp-ātišay-ānāmita-samasta-sāmanta-chūdā-

Second Plate : First Side.

- mani-prubhā-manjarī-punja-ranjita-charaņo mātā-pitri-pād-ānuddhyātah paramamā-
- hēsvarah śrī-Mahārāj-Endravarmmā | Kroshtukavarttanyām Haribhata-grāmē sarvva-sa-
- mavētān-kutumbinas-samājnāpayati [|*] Viditam-astu võ yath-āsmābhir-asmi-
- n-grāmē hala-dvayasya bhūś-ehhitvā Dantayavāgvārii bhagavatō Rāmēśvara-bhattāraka-
- sya bali-charu-sattra-pravarttanāya khanda-sphuţita-samskāra-karaṇāya cha Dantaya-
- vägvīvā cha halasya bhūr-asy aiva sarvva-karaih parihrity-ā-chandr-ārkka-pratishtham

Second Plate; Second Side,

- 13 děvāgrahārań-kritvā mātā-pittrör-ātmanaś-cha puņy-ābhivriddhayē Talavaradēva-
- 14 bhōgikēna pratibōdhitais-sampradattā [|*] tad-viditvā na kēnachit-parivā(bā)dhā kāryyēti [|*]
- 15 Haribhata-kshëttrasya cha sima-lingani uttarëna Kshatriya-tatāka-parivahah
- 16 pūrvvēņ=ārjuna-vrikshas=tatō valmīka-panktis=tatah kritri(tri)mā pāshāņa-punja-pankti-[h*]
- 17 tatō nimba-vrikshaḥ dakshiṇēn-āpi tat-taṭāka-parivāha ēva paśchimēna kūpas-tata[h*]
- 18 ³yamalak-ārjuna-vrikshō tatō rāja-mārggaś-ch-ēti | Bhavishyad-rājabhiś-ch-āyan-dāna-

Third Plate.

- élőkān-udáharanti [[*] 7Bahubhir-19 dharmma(rmmo=)nupālyas=tathā cha Vyāsa-gitāin* vvasudhā dattā
- bahubhis-ch-anupālitā []*] yasya yasya yadā bhūmis-tasya tasya tadā phalam(lam) [||1*]
- para-dattām vā yatnād=raksha Yudhishtbira [|*] mahī[m*] mahimatām árēshtha dānāch= chhrēyō=nupālanam(nam) [12*]

From plate opp. p. 23, J. A. H. R. S., Vol. IV.

Expressed by a symbol.

^{*} This mark of punctuation is unnecessary.

^{*} Cf. Rajatatāka; above, Vol. III, p. 127.

^{*} Is this arjung a cluster of two trees of the same species? Or, is yamalaka to be restored as āmalaka? In that case we have to read vrikehau in place of vriksha.

⁷ Metre: Sloku (Anushfubh); and in the following two verses.

- 22 Shashţim varsha-sahasrāṇi mōdatē divi bhūmidaḥ [|*] ākshēptā ch=ānumantā cha tāny=ēva
- 23 narakē vasēd=iti¹ | pravarddhamāna-vijaya-rājya-samvatsarāh 80 7 Jyēshṭha-divasa 30² [|*]
- 24 ³Idam Vinayachandrēņa Bhānuchandrasya sūnunā [|*] śāsanam Rājasinhasya likhitam sva-mukh-ājnayā [|4*]

TRANSLATION.

(Lines 1-14) Ōm Hail! From the victorious (city of) Kalinganagara, which is pleasant in all seasons, the glorious Mahārāja Indravarman⁵addresses (the following) order to all the householders en masse at the village of Haribhata in (the district of) Kroshtukavarttanī:

"Be it known to you that We have granted, after portioning it off, and on being informed by Talavaradēva, the Bhōgika, and for increasing the religious merit of (Our) parents and of Ourselves, two halas of land in this village for the sake of performing (rites known as) bali, charu and sattra, and for the repairs of dilapidations (of the temple) of god Rāmēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka (situated) in (the village called) Dantayavāgū and (in addition to that) another hala of land in (the same) Dantayavāgū, having constituted it as an agrahāra for god (Rāmēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka) which is to last as long as the moon and the sun, and having exempted it from all impositions.

Having known this, nobody should cause any hindrance".

(Ll. 15-18) The boundary marks of the land (granted) in (the village of) Haribhata are as follows:—On the north, the storm-water channel of the tank (called) Kshatriya-taṭāka; on the east, an arjuna tree, after that a row of ant-hills, then up to the artificial line of heaped-up stones, then a nimba tree; on the south, the same channel of that tank (Kshatriya-taṭāka); on the west, a well, then the twin arjuna trees, then the royal road.

(Ll. 18-23) The future kings should maintain this religious gift. And likewise the verses sung by Vyāsa are quoted:—

(Here come three of the customary verses.)

(Ll. 23-24) The year 87 of the prosperous victorious reign; (the month) Jyeshtha, the day 30.

This edict (śāsana) of Rājasirhha has been written at the command of his (the king's) own mouth, by Vinayachandra, the son of Bhānuchandra.

In the present instance also Talavaradēva-Bhōgika (or Talavara-dēvabhōgika?) seems to have been used as the title of an officer who did the dual function of a talavara and a bhōgika.

⁷ For the explanation of the term Bhōgika, see above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 59 and 64. Also C. I. I., Vol. III, p. 100, n. 1.

*In explaining the technical word kula, in Manu, VII, 119, Kulluka observes thus: shadgavam madhyamam hatam=iti tathāvidha-haladvayēna yāvatī bhūmir=vāhyatē tat=kulam=iti vadati. Here the connotation of hala is not clear. In any case, hala appears to be a recognised kind of land-measure.

* I am grateful to my revered teacher Dr. R. G. Basak, M.A., Ph.D., Senior Professor of Sanskrit, Presidency College, Calcutta, for kindly suggesting a number of corrections in my interpretation of the text of the inscription.

¹ Read vasēt [3*] iti.

² Mr. Jagadev reads the symbol as 10.

³ Metre: Sloka (Anushtubh).

⁴ Read °simhasya.

⁵ For a translation of the long string of epithets that follows see above, Vol. III, p. 129.

⁶ Taravara as an official title (Mahāpratīhāra-Taravara-Vinayaśūrasya) occurs on a Basarh seal (An. Rep., A. S. I., 1903-4, p. 109, No. 16). Mahātalavara (along with its feminine Mahātalavarī) in the sense of a high dignitary with indefinite function is frequently mentioned in inscriptions of Ikshvāku kings from Nāgūrjunikonda (above, Vol. XX, pp. 6-7 and f. n. 1).

No. 21.—PURSHOTTAMPURI PLATES OF RAMACHANDRA: SAKA 1232.

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These plates were brought to my notice by Mr. R. M. Bhusari, M.A., Professor of Marāthī, in the Osmania College, Hyderābād (Deccan). At my request Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, Government Epigraphist, supplied me with excellent ink-impressions of them. The original plates were kindly procured by Mr. G. Yazdani, M.A., O.B.E., Director of Archæology, Hyderābād State, and their ink-impressions taken by the Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras. I am indebted to Mr. Yazdani for permission to edit the plates in this Journal.

The copper-plates, which are three in number, were discovered in the possession of a Gōsāvī at Purshöttampuri on the southern bank of the Gödavari, about 40 miles due west of Parbhani, in the Bhīr District of H. E. H. the Nizām's Dominions. They are very massive, each measuring 1' 21" broad, 1' 8" high and 3" thick. Their total weight is 47:25 lbs.1 The ends of the plates are raised into rims for the protection of the writing. The first and third plates are inscribed on one side only and the second on both the sides. The plates have in the centre at the top a round hole 13" in diameter for the ring which must have originally held them together; but neither the ring nor the seal, which must have been connected with it2, is now forthcoming. The writing is in a state of excellent preservation. There are 141 lines in all, of which thirty-four are written on each of the first two inscribed sides, thirty-eight on the second side of the second plate, while the last plate has thirty-five lines. The technical execution is very good, there being few mistakes of writing or engraving. In line 51 two redundant aksharas have been cancelled by incising two vertical strokes on the top.

The characters are Nagari. Except in a few cases they closely resemble the ordinary Nagari characters of the present time. The only peculiarities that call for notice are that the curve for the medial u is in some cases added to the side and not to the bottom of the vertical stroke, see Vishnu-, l. 81 and =achyutam, l. 137; the medial diphthongs are in many cases denoted by prishthamātrās; the subscript member of the ligature gg like that of nn is denoted only by a horizontal stroke, see svarggam=, l. 136; n appears with a dot in one case and without it in another, see Sārngain II. 2-3 and 30; the form of the rare jh in Vimjhadeva, 1. 105, is noteworthy; the letters n and jñ approximate to their modern forms, see ramana-, l. 2 and yajñair-, l. 124; the letters t and n, th and dh as well as v and ch are in some places written alike; the left member of dh is fully developed except in ligatures like ddh; there was thus no possibility of confusion between dhā and vā, still the horizontal line joining the vertical strokes of the former akshara is not discarded, see nidhānam, l. 2; finally, v and b are denoted by their proper signs except in vrahma-sv-, l. 133.

The language is Sanskrit and the record is written partly in prose and partly in verse. There are 59 verses in all. Of the initial 18 verses which eulogize the reigning king Rāmachandra and his ancestors, one completely and another partly3 occur in the earlier Paithan plates of the same king. It is again noteworthy that in the concluding portion, which contains benedictive and imprecatory verses, there is one verse which is only a hemistich, and another, which is an Anush-

In their size and weight the present plates resemble the Paithan plates of the same king Rāmachandra edited by Dr. Fleet, Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, pp. 314 ff. Of the three plates here the first weighs 18 lbs., the second 14.25 lbs. and the third 15 lbs.

² The aforementioned Paithan plates have a Garuda seal.

³ These are verses 4 and 13. The second half of the latter verse occurs as the first half of the corresponding verse in line 46 of the Paithan plates.

tubh verse of six padas. The inscription is composed in a good style and contains an interesting use of double extendre in several verses of the eulogistic portion. Of lexicographical interest are the old Marathi words, phulabadue and joisi (modern Joši). The former which is the title of a royal functionary, occurs also in an old Marathi work of the same age, viz., the Sibupalavadha (v. 51) of Bhaskarabhatta. The nasalisation of the final syllable in the Marathi names of villages is also noteworthy. As regards orthography we may note that kh is used for sh as in paritōkhēṇa, l. 41 and vice versa as in ratna-shanyaḥ, l. 48. The dental and palatal sibilants are used each in its proper place except in a few cases such as sprisyate, 1. 25. The letters v and b are almost everywhere clearly distinguished. In one case (namely, in Mahadeopuri, l. 116), va is changed to ō as in old Marathi works. The rules of sandhi are violated in several places, the most common instance being the addition of an anuscara before final n as in ullasayamn=, 1. 12, uddharamn=, 1. 18, etc.

The inscription refers itself to the reign of the king Ramachandra of the Later Yadava dynasty. The object of it is to record the grant, by Ramachandra, of some villages to his minister Purushottama alias Purushai Nāyaka, for the formation of an agrahāra and the donation, by Purushottama, of the agrahava which he named Purushottamapuri after himself, to certain Brahmanas. The agrahara consisted of the four villages, Pokhari, Adagau, Vaghaure and Kurunaparagau, which were situated in the Kanhairi -khampanaka (subdivision) of the Kānhairī-dēša. The first three of these villages had three hamlets (khētakas) attached to each of them, ciz., Saegāhvāņa, Pimpalagāhvāņa, Pālipēkhari, Pimpalavādi, Kājalakēvi, Sőijané, Simpivihiré, Gőlégáhvána and Dharavághauré. The agrahára was bounded on the east by Dandigau, and Sadulé, on the south by Késavapuri, Savarigava and Harikinibagau, on the west by Răjagau, Hivare, Chinchavali and Mahadevapuri joined to Drugalegahvana and on the north by the Ganga. The land of these villages was divided into 86 parts (vrittis2) of which two were assigned to two gods, whose names have not been specified, one was set apart to provide for the annual performance of the agnishtika rite' and the maintenance of a charitable water-shed (prapa), while the remaining 83 parts were donated to 83 Brāhmaņas, one being assigned to each. The names of the donees and their fathers together with such details as their sakhas and gotras are given in lines 80-114. Of the eighty-three Brāhmaņa beneficiaries, fifty-seven belonged to the Rigvēda, twenty-one to the Taittirīya-sākhā of the Black Yajurvēda, one to the Kānva and one to the Mādhyandina-sākhā of the White Yajurveda and the remaining three to the Samaveda. Among the gotras the following are represented: - Kāsyapa, Bhāradvāja, Jāmadaguya-Vatsa, Vasishtha, Vishņuvriddha, Kaušīka,

^{*} Phulabaque means the Superintendent of the arrangement of flowers. See v. 25.

^{*}I have not nasalized the final vowel of this and other place-names.

That spills meant an actual plot of land, not a share of the produce, is clear from the Chanje inscription of Somesvaradeva (above, Vol. XXIII, p. 281) where in line II some synthis are mentioned as defining the boundaries of the donated land.

^{*} The agnishtika rite is performed in the cold seasons of Hemanta and Sisira. It consists in the kindling of fire with the recitation of appropriate mentrus and the feeding of Brahmanas and supplicants every morning and evening, commencing from an auspicious day in the month of Margastraha. It is believed to yield great religious roward in the next world as the fire is enjoyed by the people who sit round it in the cold seasons and talk on all sorts of matters, political, religious and social. For a description of the rite, see Hemādri's Dānakhanda, prakarupa xiii (Chatureargachintāmani, ed. by Pandit Sadāšiv Āchārya Dikshit, Vol. I, pt. ii, pp. 859 ff.) The Lifacharitra, a Mahanubhava work of the Yadava period, mentions the agnishibà fire at Pimpalagaon not far from Děvagiri, which was visited by Chakradhara, the founder of the Mahamubhava sect.

The prupa is a charitable water-shed maintained usually in summer, where thirsty travellers and cattle get free drinking water,

Agastya, Viśvāmitra, Kauņdinya, Harita, First Ātrēya,¹ Vishņuvriddha-Āngirasa, Vādhryašva, Gautama, Naidhruva, Dēvarāta, Ātrēya, Vatsa, Kapi, Gārgya, Pūtimāsha, Šrīvatsa and Lōhita. Unlike some other Yādava inscriptions such as the Chikka-Bāgiwāḍi plates of the time of Krishņa² and the Paithan plates of Rāmachandra, the present record does not, except in four cases, mention the family names of the Brāhmaņa donees and it is noteworthy that at least three of these four family names, viz., Miśra, Dubē and Trivēdī, are of North-Indian Brāhmaņas.

The inscription contains two dates, one in lines 33-34 and the other in lines 72-73. Both of them refer themselves to the Saka era and are expressed in years which are said to have elapsed since the time of a Saka king. It is noteworthy that there is no reference in them to the king Salivahana as the founder of the era. This manner of mentioning the era confirms Dr. Fleet's suspicion that the date of the Thāṇā plates of Rāmachandra also, of which the original plates are lost, did not probably contain any reference to this legendary king. The earliest inscriptions which mention this king's name in connection with the dates of the Saka era are those of the king Bukkarāya I of Vijayanagara, as has already been pointed out by Dr. Fleet.

The earlier of the two dates mentioned in the present inscription, which records the grant of the aforementioned four villages by Ramachandra is Saturday, the 11th lithi of the bright fortnight of Bhadrapada of Saka 1232, the cyclic year being Sadharana. This date regularly corresponds, for the expired Saka year 1232, to the 5th September A. D. 1310, on which day the aforementioned tithi ended at 11 h. after mean sunrise. The cyclic year was Sadharana according to the southern luni-solar system. The second date which registers the donation of the agrahara of the same four villages by the minister Purushottama is mentioned as Kapilashushthi in the month of Bhadrapada in Saka 1232 and the cyclic year Sadharana. The fortnight and the week-day are not expressly stated in this case. They are, however, implied by the mention of the Kapilashashth; for it is well known that the latter name is given to the sixth tithi of the dark fortnight of the amanta Bhadrapada when it falls on a Tuesday and is joined with the nakshatra Röhini and the yoga Vyatīpāta. It is regarded as particularly auspicious if the sun is besides in the nakshatra Hastas . This date also is quite regular. It corresponds, for the same expired Saka year 1232. to Tuesday, the 15th September A.D. 1316, when the sixth tithi of the dark fortnight of the amanta Bhādrapada ended at 12 h. 15 m. after mean sunrise. This tithi was Kapilashashthi; for on that day the moon was in the constellation Röhini till 3 h. 20 m. and the yoga Vyatīpāta ended at 12 h. 45 m. after mean sunrises. The sun also was then in Hasta; for it had entered that nakshatra only a week before, riz., at 18 h. 8 m. after mean sunrise on the 8th September A.D. 1310. The inscription states that Ramachandra had asked Purushottama several times before to make an agrahara worthy of himself. The latter was evidently awaiting the tithi Kapilashashthi, a grant made on which is regarded as specially meritorious. He finally made the grant on the aforementioned day when the rare combination of the particular tithi, week-day, nakshatras and yoga necessary for a Kapilashashthi occurred in the early hours of the morning.

² There are four games in the Atri götra which differ from one another only in respect of the third pracura. The pracurus of the first Atrêya götra are Atrêya, Archanânass and Syāvāšva.

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. VII, pp. 303 ff.

³ The same manner of mentioning the date is met with in the earlier Räshtraküta grants, see above, Vol. XXIII, p. 16.

^{*} Above, Vol. XIII, p. 199.

³ Ind. Ant., Vol. XXVI, p. 183.

^{*} For calculations of the yogs I have used the tables for the Surya Siddhanta in Diwan Bahadur S. K. Pillai's Indian Ephemeris, Vol. I, pt. i.

Having thus disposed of the formal portion of the grant, we shall now turn to the historical information furnished by it.

The genealogy of the reigning king Ramachandra is here traced from Siriha (Sirihana). Verse 4 states that Simhana defeated Ballala and the lord of Bhambhagiri, imprisoned the king Bhoja on the crest of a fortress and vanquished Arjuna. These exploits of Simhana are enumerated in other records also. In fact the aforementioned verse was already known from the Paithan plates of Ramachandra. Most of the kings mentioned in it have already been identified by Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar and Dr. Fleet in their respective works. Still there are a few more details about them which can now be gathered from records which have recently come to light.

Ballala defeated by Simhana was evidently the Hoysala king Vira-Ballala II, who flourished from circs A.D. 1173 to A.D. 12202. The war in which he suffered a defeat seems, therefore, to have been fought in the beginning of Simhana's reign (circa A.D. 1210 to 1247). Hēmādri's Vratakhanda gives credit to Simhana for the annexation of the entire kingdom of Ballala. This is no doubt an exaggeration; but as Fleet has shown, Simhana seems to have annexed some territory to the south of the Malaprabha and the Krishna which formed the southern boundary of the Yadava kingdom during the reigns of his predecessors Bhillama and Jaitugi. The Andhra king defeated by Simhana was probably Ganapati of the Kākatīya dynasty who had been released from imprisonment and placed on the throne by Simhana's father Jaitugi*. The battle does not appear to have been decisive; for Ganapati also claimed success over his Yadava antagonist. No definits information about the third king Kakkalla overthrown by Simhana was available until recently. Dr. Bhandarkar suggested that he belonged to the Kalachuri dynasty of Tripuri; for some kings of that dynasty were known to have assumed the analogous name Kökkaila.5 From a stone inscription recently found at the village Uddari in the Sorab tälukā of the Shimogā District in the Mysore State, it seems however that this Kakkalla (who is called Kakala in that record) was a mighty ruler of Varața. Varața is mentioned in several southern inscriptions.2 The Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana is said to have dispersed like a gale the clouds which were the Varata kings." The exact location of the country is not known, but it seems that it was situated somewhere in South India, probably to the north of the Mysore State.

See Early History of the Deccan (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii), pp. 239 ff. and Dynastics of the Kanarese Districts (ibid.), pp. 522 ff.

² See Sewell's Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 135.

^{*}Ind. Ast., Vol. XIV, p. 316. Some inscriptions describe Simhana as the appropriate of the water-high that was the head of the Telanga king (Bomb, Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 524 and Mysore Arch. Sur. Rep. for 1929, p. 142). But a similar exploit is mentioned in connection with Mahadeva also. See above, Vol. XXIII, p. 194. So it is doubtful if Simhana really killed a Kākatīya king. Perhaps he fought in the war in which his father Jaitugi is said to have cut off the head of Ganapati's uncle Rudra (see Hemadri's Frainthands, Bomb, Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 272). Or he may have killed Ganapati's father Mahādēva, who also is known to have mot with death on a battlefield; see above, Vol. III, p. 97.

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. XXI, p. 200,

⁵ Early History of the Deccan (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii), p. 24.

^{*} Mysore Arch. Sur. Rep. for 1929, pp. 142 ff. and plate XVII. This inscription is fragmentary. It opens with the date, Saka 1198, which would assign it to the reign of Ramachandra, but the extant portion contains epithets which are usually applied to Simhana. The same draft seems to have been used in the Tilavalli inscription (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. IX, p. 32), but owing to imperfect readings the reference to Kakala, the king of Varata, seems to have escaped the notice of earlier writers.

⁷ Mysore Inscriptions, pp. 14, 20, and 70.

^{*} Bomb, Gaz, Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 496.

The next king mentioned in the present record as overthrown by Simhana was the lord of Bhambhagiri.1 Hemadri mentions his name as Lakshmidhara. The Ambe inscription No. 2 names him as Laksbmideva and furnishes the additional information that he belonged to the Abhira dynasty. Bhambhagiri has not yet been satisfactorily identified. Mr. G. H. Khare has suggested that it might be either Bhambhöri in the Ahmednagar District or Rajachi Bham near Yeotmal in Berär.3 But neither of these identifications can be upheld in the absence of a fort near by; for the name Bhambhagiri suggests that it was a fortified place. As Lakshmideva, the lord of Bhambhāgiri, belonged to the Abhīra dynasty, he was probably ruling somewhere in Khandesh, which still has a large population of Abhiras or Ahirs. There is even now a ruined old town called Bhamer, four miles south of Nizampur in the Pimpalner taluka of the West Khandesh District. It lies at the foot of a great fortified hill which has many ruined gateways, gates, towers, and also some old caves locally known as Rājā's houses.4 The hill near Bhāmēr is, therefore, probably Bhambhagiri. The aforementioned Ambe inscription describes Khōlēšvara, a general of Simhana, as a very wild fire which burned the forest of the family of Lakshmideva, the Abhira king of Bhambhägiri and a similar statement occurs about Sinhana in the Uddari stone inscription. This shows that Simhana probably exterminated the whole family of the Abhira prince.

The king Bhoja, who was confined on a hill, has already been identified with Bhoja II of the Silāhāra dynasty of Kolhāpur. Some southern inscriptions describe Simhana as a very lord of birds (Garuda) in routing the serpent, viz., the king Bhoja who resided on Pranala. Pranala is plainly Panhājā, a strong fort 12 miles to the north-west of Kolhāpur. After this defeat of Bhōja, the Silahara kingdom was annexed by Simhana; for the inscriptions of his governors are thenceforth found at Kolhapur and the adjoining territory. The earliest of these is dated A.D. 1218 which shows that the defeat of Bhoja must have occurred some time before that date. The Ambeinscriptions Nos. 2 and 3 also mention a king named Bhōja who was defeated by Simhana's general Khōlēśvara.4 But as he is said there to have belonged to the Paramāra dynasty and to have been the lord of Chahanda, he must be different from the homonymous Silahara king. Chahanda where he ruled may be Chanda, the chief town of the Chanda District of the Central Provinces. And it may be noted in this connection that a stone inscription of a Paramara chief, dated Saka 1308, has been found at Bhandak, which lies only 16 miles north-west of Chanda.

Arjuna, the lastnamed antagonist of Simhana, was identified by Dr. Fleet with Arjunavarmadēva, king of Anhilwad of the Vaghēla branch of the Chalukya family. Though he did not come to the throne till A.D. 1261-62. Fleet thought that he might have held a command under his father Visaladeva (A.D. 1243-44 to 1261-62) and thus might have been a contemporary of Simhana. Dr. Bhandarkar, on the other hand, proposed to identify him with Arjunavarmadeva, king of Mālwā.* In several other inscriptions Simhana's victories over both the Gurjara and Mālava

¹ Mas, of Hemadri's Vratakhanda give the place name as Rambhagiri (v. I. Bhangariga), but the name Bhambhagiri occurs also in the Paithan plates (Il. 26-27) and the Ambé inscription No. 2 (I. 30). The reading Rambadgiri which occurs in line 24 of the latter record is probably a mistake for Bhambhagiri.

^{*} G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediaval History of the Deccan (in Marithl), Vol. I, p. 64.

² Ibid., p. 60.

^{*} Bomb, Gaz., Vol. XII, pp. 434 ff.

Ibid., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 524, n. 1; Mysore Arch. Sur. Rep. for 1929, p. 142.

^{*} G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediaval History of the Deccan, Vol. I, pp. 64 and 74.

Hiralal's Inscriptions in C. P. and Berar (second ed.), pp. 15-16.

^{*} Bemb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 525, n. 4.

^{*} Ibid., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 239.

kings are spoken of, but the name of Arjuna is rarely coupled with either of them. In the stone inscription from Uddari, to which attention has been called above, Simhana is described as a lion who curbed the pride of the rutting elephant, namely, Arjuna, the king of the Malava country.1 This corroborates Dr. Bhandarkar's view that the king Arjuna belonged to the Paramara dynasty.

Our inscription next mentions Jaitrapala, the son of Simhana. But the praise lavished on him is wholly conventional and affords no proof that he even came to the throne. In fact, epigraphical records make it clear that Simhana was succeeded by his grandson Krishna, the son of Jaitrapala.2

Of the two verses (7 and 8) which describe the achievements of Krishna, the first refers to his victory over Kāmapāla. This king, so far as I know, is not named elsewhere and there is no express mention of the dynasty to which he belonged or the country over which he ruled. The Āmbē inscriptions Nos. 2 and 3 mention one Rāmapāla, the king of Benares, who was routed by Khōlēśvara.3 The similarity of the names Rāmapāla and Kāmapāla may be taken to indicate that both of them belonged to the same royal family; but the description in verse 7 that the overthrow of Kāmapāla delighted cowherds suggests that he belonged to the Abhīra dynasty and he may therefore have been ruling somewhere in Khandesh. This conjecture receives some support from the recently discovered Tasgaon plates which intimate a victory over a chief of cowherds (gopakapālaka) obtained by Kēśava, a feudatory chief of the Yādava Emperor Krishna.4

Verse 8 intimates Krishna's victories over the kings of Gurjara, Mālava, Chōla and Kōśala. Some other inscriptions also claim for Krishna successes over most of these princes, but they do not specifically name any of them. Hēmādri, however, mentions Krishņa's defeat of the extensive forces of Vîsaladeva, the king of Gujarāts and the Bēhatti plates describe the fierce fight in a graphic manner.6 The Munoli stone inscription7 dated A. D. 1252-53 eulogizes Krishna as 'a very Trinetra to Madana in the form of the king of Malava'. The contemporary king of Mālwā was probably Jaitugidēva for whom we have the dates V. S. 1292 and 1300.8 The same inscription speaks of Krishna as the sovereign of the king of Chola.9 There is, however, no actual proof of Krishna's encounter with the contemporary Chola king who was Rājēndra III (1246-79).10 The king of Kōśala was evidently the contemporary Kalachuri ruler of Ratanpur. He was probably the successor of Jajalladeva who was defeated by Simhana11; but we have now no means of ascertaining his name, for the last inscriptional record of the

¹ See Ha(A)rjuna-Mālavī-kshitipati-matta-mātanga-mada-dalana-pamchānana, Mysore Arch, Sur. Rep. for 1929, p. 143.

² Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 244.

³ G. H. Khare, Sources of the Mediaval History of the Deccan, Vol. I, pp. 64 and 74.

⁴ Ibid., Vol. III, p. 14. See v. 18:-

Tvam rē Komkana-bhūpatir-bhava tad-āham Chamdradevah kshanam

tvam chēd=gōpaka-pālakō=si tad=arē jātō=smy=aham Kēśavah |

raksha tvam vishayam nijam [cha*] tad=ararē(arē) dhātyā grahīshyē kshaṇād=

itham(ttham) yam(n)-nripa-mamdirē kalakal-ākshēpāh śiśu-krīdanē

This verse which the editor found difficult to interpret refers to the personation of the ruler of Konkana and the chief of cowherds by some boys and of Chandradeva and Kesava (the two brothers who were feudatories of Krishna) by others, while they were playing in the palace of Chandradeva. The description is evidently intended to suggest the victories of the two brothers over the king of Konkana and the chief of cowherds (Abhīras ?).

⁵ Bomb, Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 272.

⁶ J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, p. 42.

⁷ Ibid., pp. 38-9.

⁸ R. G. Bhandarkar's Report, 1883-84, pp. 105 and 392.

⁹ Loc. cit., p. 39.

¹⁰ K. Nilakanta Sastri-The Colas, Vol. II, pt. i, pp. 186 ff.

¹¹ Bomb. Gaz., Vol. 1, pt. ii, p. 240.

Kalaeburis of Ratanpur which can be referred to that age, viz., the Pëndrabandh plates of Pratapamalla¹, is dated K. 965 (A. D. 1214), i.e., more than thirty years before the accession of Krishna.

The present inscription mentions only one exploit of Mahādēva, the younger brother and successor of Krishna, viz., his destruction of Sōma. The latter is evidently Sōmēśvara of the Śilāhāra dynasty, the ruler of North Kōńkan, two records of whose reign have recently been edited in this journal. Mahādēva seems to have continued the hostilities which were begun by his predecessor Krishna; for the aforementioned Tāsgaon plates intimate a victory over a king of Kōňkana won by Chandradēva, a feudatory of Krishna. The description in verse 10 of the present record suggests that Sōmēśvara was killed in a naval engagement with the fleet of Mahādēva.

Mahādēva's son and successor was Amanat to whose glorification the present inscription devotes two verses. They are, however, altogether devoid of historical interest. Verse 13, of which the latter part was already known from the Parthan plates, states that Rama (i.e., Ramachandra), the son of Krishna, having occupied the fort of Devagiri, forcibly wrested the kingdom from Āmana. The next verse gives an interesting description of the ruse which Rāmachandra adopted to obtain possession of the impregnable fort. He entered it with a party of dancers who were his soldiers in disguise. When admitted inside, he rallied his foot-soldiers and attacked his antagonists apparently while they were engaged in seeing the dance. The dancers also, throwing off their ornaments (i.e., disguise), joined in the fight. Ramachandra seems to have won an easy victory as his enemy was taken unawares. The Lilacharitra, a work of the Mahanubhava sect from which some extracts of historical importance have recently been published, gives a graphic account of the confusion caused by this sudden attack. Chakradhara, the founder of the sect, was then sojourning at the village Savitā* (v. l. Sēvatā) near Dēvagiri. Seeing that the people were panicstricken and some carts carrying wounded persons were passing through the village, Chakradhara sent his disciple Indrabhatta to inquire what had happened. He confirmed what Chakradhara had already come to know by intuition that a revolution had taken place at Devagiri, that Ramadēva had deposed Amanadēva and himself occupied his throne, that Narasimhadēva (who seems to be Amanadeva's general or minister) had fled away and that Ramadeva had put out the eyes of Amanadeva. As this account occurs in the Lifacharitra, which is a biography of Chakradhara, written by his disciple Mahindrabhatta, we may take it as trustworthy. The Ratnamālāstötra of Kesava Vyasa, another disciple of Chakradhara, furnishes the further detail that the aforementioned incident took place in the evening. The Smritisthala of Parasarama Vyasa, who

¹ Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 1 ff. ² Ibid., pp. 278 ff. ² See above, p. 204, n. 4.

^{*} He is called Ammana in the present plates and Amana in the Paithan plates,

These extracts were first published by Mr. Y. K. Deshpande in his Mahanubhaviya Marathi Vannaya (1925), pp. 16 ff. and their historical importance was brought to the notice of scholars by Mr. Y. R. Gupte in his article in the Journal of Indian History, Vol. V, pp. 198 ff.

^{*}The place-name is given as Sabhichchha in a Sanskrit verse cited below. It is possible to fix the exact location of this place. According to the Lijacharitra, Chakradhara's itinerary was as follows:—Pimpalvadit (about 30 miles south by east of Dēvagiri and 5 miles north of Paithan). Bhōganārāyaṇa, Bābhulgāon (12 miles south of Dēvagiri). Savitā, and Jōgōsvarī (6 miles south of Dēvagiri). So Savitā was situated between Bābhulgāon and Jōgōsvarī. It seems to have occupied the same position as modern Waluj, about 8 miles south of Dēvagiri. It lies on the Dēvagiri-Paithan road. It seems therefore that the wounded persons were being taken to Paithan.

^{*}See Tatab Sabhichchham samupētyu sāyam vipram prayuktais parigrihya tailam samagatum grāma-jun-airitām tām papruchchha rājy-āntara-jūta-vārtām i cited in the Appendix to the Līfācharitra, Pars IV, edited by Mr. H. N. Nene.

flourished in the same period, charges Rāmadēva with the murder of his brother, persecution of saints and inefficient administration of his kingdom which culminated in his capture by Muhammadan invaders.¹

Verses 16-18 describe the achievements of Rāmachandra. Though several inscriptions of the reign of this king have been discovered till now, few of them refer to any historical events. We have, therefore, here for the first time a contemporary account of some important events in Rāmachandra's reign. Verse 16 states that Rāmachandra defeated with ease the mighty lord of the extensive Pāhala country, subjugated the ruler of Bhāṇḍāgāra, dethroned the king of Vajrākara and defeated in battle the prince of cowherds. The lord of the Pāhala country is evidently the Kalachuri king who was ruling at Tripurī, now a small village, 6 miles from Jubbulpore. The Yādavas were often at war with the Kalachuris. In the Puļunja inscription Simhaṇa is called Pāhala-hrit-kutūhala, i.e., 'a very curiosity of the heart of (the people of) the Pāhala country'. It is not known who was ruling at Tripurī in the time of Rāmachandra; for the last Kalachuri prince known from inscriptional records is the Mahākumāra Ajayasimha mentioned in the Kumbhi plates' (A.D. 1180-81) and the undated Bherā-Ghāṭ stone inscription4 of his father Vijayasimha.

It is again not known who is meant by the ruler of Bhāṇḍāgāra but it seems fairly certain that Bhāṇḍāgāra is identical with Bhaṇḍārā, 38 miles from Nāgpur, which is now the headquarters of a district of the same name in the Central Provinces. We know that Berār was annexed to the Yādava kingdom as early as the reign of Simhaṇa; for a stone inscription of his reign has been discovered at Amrāpur in the Khāmgaon District⁵ and several villages in Berār were donated as agrahāras to Brāhmaṇas by his general Khōlēśvara.⁶ But the eastern districts of Nāgpur and Bhaṇḍārā were probably occupied for the first time during the reign of Rāmachandra. It is noteworthy that an inscription of his reign has been discovered at Rāmṭek near Nagpur⁷ and another at Lānji⁸ in the Bālāghāṭ District, about a hundred miles north-east of Nāgpur.

Vajrākara, the ruler of which was deposed by Rāmachandra, is probably identical with Vairāgarh, 80 miles north-east of Chāndā in the Garh-Chirōli tahsil of the Chāndā District. Near the village there is still a large stone fortress in a fair state of preservation surrounded by a moat. Vairāgarh is named in ancient records as Vajra or Vajragaḍha on account of its diamond mines which are referred to even in Muhammadan chronicles. It was evidently a place of considerable importance, for it is referred to in several records. Kulōttuṅga Chōļa I, for instance, is said to have captured many elephants at Vayirāgaram. The chief of cowherds defeated by Rāmachandra may, like Lakshmīdēva and Kāmapāla, have been ruling somewhere in Khāndesh.

¹ Smritisthala (Marāthī), ed. by Mr. V. N. Deshpande, p. 26. The editor refers this work to the 14th century A. D.

² Fleet says that Krishna destroyed Tripura which seems to be the modern Tewar near Jubbulpore. (Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, Pt. ii, p. 527). But the expression Ya(a)ri-balia-Tripura-trinetram in the Munoli inscription (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XII, p. 35), on which he relies, means only that he was Trinetra (Siva) to Tripura in the form of the enemy's soldiers. There is no reference to Tripuri there.

³ J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, p. 116.

Banerji, The Haihayas of Tripuri and Their Monuments (Mem. A. S. I. No. 23), p. 142.

⁵ Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 127-28.

⁸ See his Ambë inscription No. 2, lines 20 ff.

⁷ Above, pp. 7 ff.

⁸ Hiralal's Inscriptions in C. P., etc., p. 20.

See Burhān-i-Ma'asir (Ind. Ant., Vol. XXVIII, p. 286) and Āīn-i-Akbarī (ed. by Jarrett), pp. 229-30. In the Hāthīgumphā inscription of Khāravela this place is mentioned as Vajiraghara. See above, Vol. XX, p. 78. 10 S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 128. See also the Ratnapur Stone inscription of Jājalladēva, above, Vol. I, p. 36.

Verse 17 mentions some more victories of Rāmachandra. He subjugated in battle the king of Palli, made the king of Kānyakubja bend low, overran the mountain Kailāsa, routed the ruler of Māhima, captured forcibly the lord of Saṅgama and destroyed the ruler of Khēṭa. The Pallirāja¹ may have been the chief of some hill tribe like the Bhills or Gonds in the Vindhya mountain. There is no corroboration of Rāmachandra's raids on Kanauj and Kailāsa, but his other victories do not seem to be improbable. Māhima is probably identical with the place of the same name near Bombay. According to a tradition preserved in some Marāṭhī records, Kōnkan was conquered by Bhīma Rāja, the son of Rāmadēva Rāja of Dēvagiri. He is said to have made Māhim his capital and divided the kingdom of Kōnkan into fifteen mahāls or groups containing 444 villages.² The lord of Saṅgama, captured by Rāmachandra, was probably ruling at Saṅgamēśvara, about 20 miles north-east of Ratnāgiri. Khēṭa may be Khēḍ, the chief town of the Khēḍ tālukā in the Ratnāgiri District. The place dates from early times; for the Khēṭāhāra, which was evidently named after it, is mentioned in the Goa grant of Satyāśraya Dhruvarāja, dated Śaka 532³. These three victories of Rāmachandra were probably attained in the same expedition which was mainly directed against the petty chiefs ruling in Southern Kōnkan.

Verse 18 states that Rāmachandra drove out the Muhammadans from Vārāṇasī or Benares and built a golden temple there which he dedicated to Śārṅgapāṇi. This plainly implies that he held that holy city for some time. There is nothing improbable in this claim. It was always the cherished ambition of powerful Hindu rulers to save the holy places of North India from devastation and plunder by Muslim invaders, though express statements to that effect are rarely found in their inscriptions. There is, of course, no reference to this occupation of Benares by Rāmachandra in Muslim chronicles as there is no allusion to Muslim invasions of the Yādava kingdom in this or any other record of Rāmachandra. The present inscription does not state when this invasion of Benares took place; but it must evidently have occurred before 'Ala-ud-dīn's invasion crippled the power of Rāmachandra in A. D. 1294. It was probably carried out some time during the period from A. D. 1285 to 1290 when there was confusion and disorder in the North after the death of Balban and before the establishment of the power of Jalāl-ud-dīn.

The present inscription is the last record of Rāmachandra. It is not known how long he continued to reign after its issue. According to Muslim chronicles a large army from the North under the command of Malik Kāfūr and Khvāja Hājī passed through Dēvagiri in the course of an expedition against Dvārasamudra and Ma'bar towards the end of A. H. 710 (A.D. 1310-11); but Muhammadan historians are not unanimous as to who was then ruling at Dēvagiri. Baranī⁵ and following him, Firishta⁶ state that when Malik Kāfūr and Hājī reached Dēvagiri they found that Rāmadēva was dead. Firishta tells us further that the young prince Śańkaradēva was not well-affected to the Muhammadans. On this evidence Rāmadēva is believed to have died in A.D. 1309.7 The present record shows, however, that he was ruling till the end of September A.D. 1310 at least and it is doubtful if he was succeeded by Śańkaragaṇa before the end of that year; for Khusrū

¹ [There is a Pallidesa mentioned in the Dohad Stone inscription of Mahamuda (Begarha), above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 212 ff. It is also the ancient name of Palnad in Guntur District.—Ed.]

Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii, p. 27.
 J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. X, p. 348.

⁴ In the inscriptions of the Gāhaḍvālas, for instance, Chandradēva is described as the protector of the holy places Kāśi, Kuśika, Uttarakōsala and Indrasthāna. *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. XV, p. 7 and Vol. XVIII, p. 16.

⁵ See Ta'rīkh-i-Fīrūz Shāhī (Elliot's History of India, Vol. III, p. 203).

⁶ See Firishta's History tr. by Briggs, Vol. I, p. 373.

Bhandarkar, Early History of the Deccan, Bomb. Gaz., Vol. I, pt. ii .p. 251

states in his Tārīkh-i Alāī that the Muhammadan generals reached Dēvagiri on the 13th of Ramzān, in A. H. 710 (the 3rd February A. D. 1311) where 'the Rāi Rāyān¹ Rām Deo forwarded with all his heart the preparations necessary for the equipment of the army '2. As Khusrū was a contemporary chronicler³ and gives definite dates to substantiate his narrative, his account may be taken to be correct. Rāmachandra seems to have died soon thereafter; for at the end of A.H. 711 (A. D. 1312) 'Ala-ud-dīn received the news that the Rājā of Dēvagiri was withholding the stipulated tribute.⁴ This Rājā was Śaṅkaradēva who had in the meanwhile succeeded Rāmachandra.

The present inscription gives in verses 19-28 the pedigree of Purushöttama, the minister of Rāmachandra, who made the grant recorded in it. In the lineage of the sage Vasishtha, there was born a pious man named Bhānusūri who constructed several temples and excavated tanks. His son was Alhadēva⁵ who was renowned for his learning. Alhadēva's son was Vināyaka, the father of Sāmvaladēva. Rāmachandra received Sāmvaladēva into his favour and made him the superintendent of the arrangement of flowers. Sāmvaladēva married Akvāmbikā who was the daughter of Sārangasūri, the son of Mādhavasūri of the Jāmadagnya-Vatsa gōtra. Purushōttama was the son of Sāmvaladēva and Akvāmbikā. Being attracted by his intelligence, learning and courage, Rāmachandra made him his minister. Purushōttama carried on the affairs of the state very ably. He ruthlessly put down all traitors and made all people conform to the rules of conduct laid down for the varṇas (castes) and āśramas (orders of life)⁶. Rāmachandra was greatly pleased with him for the execution of all his commands and conferred on him the aforementioned villages to enable him to make an agrahāra worthy of himself.

Many of the localities mentioned in this grant can be easily identified. Purushöttamapurī, the chief place of the newly formed agrahāra, still retains its old name. As already stated, it lies on the southern bank of the Gödävarī in the Bhīr District. Kānhairī, the headquarters of the subdivision in which it was situated may be Kanhera, 8 miles south-west of Chālisgaon, in Khāndesh, which has a fort with a strong natural position. Most of the boundary villages of the agrahāra can still be traced in the vicinity of Purshöttampurī in their respective directions. Thus Sādulē is plainly Sādōlā about 3 miles south by east; Kēśavapurī, Sāvarigavās and Harikinibagau are respectively identical with the modern Kēsapuri, Sāvargaon and Harki Nimgaon which lie about 7 or 8 miles to the south; and Hivarē and Rājagau still exist as Rājēgaon and Hivrā buzurg 5 and 6 miles respectively to the west. The river Gaṅgā which formed the northern boundary of the agrahāra is of course the Gōdāvarī. Of the four villages, which constituted the agrahāra, two, viz., Vāghaure and Aḍagau, can now be identified; the former is Wāghur 4 miles south by west and the latter Tiki Aḍgaon about the same distance to the south of Purshōttampurī. Only two of the nine hamlets attached to these villages can now be traced, viz.,

² See Elliot, History of India, Vol. III, p. 87.

⁵ [See p. 212, n. 7.—Ed.]

¹ This is evidently a corrupt form of the title Rāya-Nārāyana assumed by Yādava Kings. Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 317.

³ Khusrū closes his narrative with the conquest of Ma'bar at the end of A. H. 710 (A.D. 1311). He died in A.D. 1325. Baranī, on the other hand, is, as remarked by Dowson, very sparing and inaccurate in his dates.

⁴ Elliot, *History of India*, Vol. III, p. 204; Firishta's *History*, tr. by Briggs, Vol. I, pp. 378-79.

⁶ From the Smritisthala (ed. by V. N. Deshpande), p. 86, it appears that the Mahānubhāvas were subjected to oppression during the rule of Rāmachandra, probably because of their non-observance of such rules of conduct.
⁷ Khāndesh District Gazetteer, p. 453.

⁸ The endings gau and gavā, like gāmvu used in ll. 94-95 of the Paithan plates, are derived from the Sanskritword grāma meaning a village.

This river is called Ganga in the Paithan plates also. See Il. 59 and 94, Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, pp. 317 18.

Pimpalavādī which now appears in the form Phūlpimpalgaon about 2 miles south of Ţiki Adgaon, and Gōlē āh āṇa which is probably Gōhan Thadi, 3 miles north by west of Wāghur. The other villages and hamlets cannot be traced on the maps available to me.

TEXT1.

[Metres: Verses 1 and 32 Mālinī; vv. 2, 10, 11, 35 and 37-57 Anushṭubh; vv. 3, 5, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 33 Sragdharā; vv. 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 23, 24, 28, 31 and 34 Śārdūlavikrīdita; vv. 6, 7, 13, 18 and 26 Upajāti; v. 20 Śikharinī; vv. 22, 27 and 59 Vasantatilakā; v. 25 Harinī; v. 29 Praharshinī; v. 30 Vamšastha; v. 36 Indravajrā; v. 58 Śālinī.]

First Plate.

- श्री श्री श्रीदिवराहाय नमः ॥ निरित्रायनिरंतानदिचि[स्नु]स्वरूपः प्रवलविमलसत्व-(स्व)स्वी-
- 2 क्रतव्यक्तशक्ति: । परमरमणमंगं मंगलानां निधान दधदधरितसेव्य: सेव्यतां शा-
- 3 र्क्नपाणि: ।[११॥*] लच्मीनारायणक्रीडासर:³चीरसमुद्रजं(जम्) । लीलांबुजं विजयते विधुस्तिभु-
- 4 वनिषया: [1211*] नि:सीम: सीमवंश: स जयित जगित प्रीक्षसत्कीर्त्तिविक्कर्मुक्तारका-नि तचा-
- 5 प्युक्कचिरक्ची वृषायः खच्छवत्ताः । तेष्वप्येकावली सहुणघटिततनुः कंठकांतिः कवीनां
- 6 तस्थामध्येष चिंतामणिकचितकचिनीयकः सिंइभूपः ।[।३॥*] बज्ञाली विजितः परा-भवभुवं सं-
- 7 भावितीं श्राधिपः कककी दिलतः चणिन गिलिती भंभागिरेरी खरः । दुर्गाग्रे विनि-
- 8 भीजन्यपितर्न्यस्तीर्जुनी निर्ज्जितः सिंहिनिति निशस्य के भुवि भयं भेजुर्न भूमीभुजः ।[1811] तत्पुची जै-
- 9 चपालः कुलकुमुदविधुवीरलक्कीप्रसादप्रासादी रु(क्)पसंपत्मुश्रमितसुषमाकंदकंदर्प्यदर्पः । यः क-
- 10 र्क्ण: किं दधीचि: किमु किमुत शिबि: किं नु जीमूतवाह: सर्वो(खो)द्रेकैकसीमा पुनरभवदिति व्यक्ततर्क्षेर्व्यत-15

¹ From ink impressions.

² [The intended reading possibly is chit-sat-svarūpah, the expression answering to the well-known compound sach-chid-ānanda-svarūpa.—B. C. C.]

³ This visarga was added subsequently.

^{*} These dandas are superfluous.

[.] This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

- 11 कि ।[१३॥*] त्रीक्षणाभूपः प्रभविशारखाडभूव भूयःपरिभूतवीरः [१*] पनायसानान-वलीका वीरान्यत्कीत्तिंदंभन दि-
- गो इसंति: ।[।६॥*] यः कामपालपसरचरित्रः खयंवरायातविणाललक्त्रोः । उज्ञास-यंग्गीकुल मादरेग क्रया-।
- त्वसुचै: प्रकटीचकार ।[1911*] र र गूर्जर जर्जर व्रजरजीराजी भराजीवन र र मालव मालवं त्यज भज त्वं चील ची-
- लांचलं(लम्) । रे रे कीशल कीशलंघनपरी भूयास्वमित्धं जगुर्भूपा यद्विजयप्रयाण-समये बंदीजनव्यंजनाः [॥८॥*]
- 15 क्वाणे राजिन लीलया खनगरीं वैक्ठमालीिकतं यातिशासिदमां महीमय महादेव: स तस्यानुजः । यही:-
- 16 स्तंभविनुंभमाणवसुधावास्त्रिकाचिवकभांति विभव(द)जायत चितिभुजां चोभाय कोचे-यकः । । । ।। ।। निमन्नयं(य)न्त-
- 17 लाग्रेषमपि सीमं प्रयोनिधी । स्थानाधित्रं महादेव एव यः कष्यतं जनैः ।[११०॥*] जन्ने ग तिधरस्तस्य स्त्रंसणभूप-
- 18 ति: । भूदेवानुहरंनुके: करतारकपीडितान् ॥[११॥*] यच चवितामहे वितरित प्रत्यधिप्रजीम्बराः सर्वे दानसंवा-
- 19 [म]मुत्कमनसी नृनं वभूवर्भवि । चंडाशीः किरि(र)णावलीमविरतं संसेव्य लीलावती-वाकायाकुलमानसै:
- 20 जयमपि व्यालीकि यत्तै: पदं(दम्) ।[१२॥*] चारुह्य वैरिचितिपालमीलिनिवेणिभि-देविगिरिं गरिष्ठ(ष्ठम्) । प्रसद्ध तस्त्रा-
- 21 दपद्वत्य भंतो कृष्णात्मजः स्वामवनिं स रामः ।[११३॥*] खादी देवगिरिप्रवेशनमधी नुसप्रकारेचणं पद्माकवै(त्स्वै)-
- 22 रपदातिमेलनमयालंकारवित्तेपणं(णम्) [1*] श्रन्विष्टार्थविरोधिदूरकरणं यीगमेग कतं

⁻ This visarga is superfluous.

^{*} Read ulläsayan:gökulam=,

^{*}This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

The sense requires a reading like -rajing.

[·] What appears like an anusedra on in may be due to a fault in the copper,

^{*} Read =nddharann=uchchaih.

⁷ The engraver at first incised damams which he subsequently altered to damams.

- 23 ततस्तत इत: श्लीकीस्य लीकीत्तर: ।[1१४॥*] श्लीराम: ग्रववर्मा पदघटनलघूपाय-दृग्दुर्गाद्वत्तित्र्यास्थाताग्रेष-
- 24 सूत्रो विकरणविलमहातुनिष्पादितार्थ: [1*] वर्णानां व्युत्कृमेण व्यवहरणमपाक्तत्य संदर्शितार्था(थीं) जेता
- 25 दिव्याक्रतीनां शिश्ररिप तदिह सपृस्य(श्य)ते नापशब्दै: [११५॥*] येनीत्तालविशालडा-हलमहीपाल: चणांत्र-1
- 26 र्जितो भांडागारधराधवः परिभवं येनोचकैलेभितः । येनोन्मूलितराज्य एवं रचितो वज्राकर च्यापतिर्ये-
- 27 नाजी विजितः स गीपन्यतिर्वर्ण्यः स रामः कथं(थम्) ।[१६॥*] भन्नीभिः पन्नि-राजः समरभुवि जितः कुन्नितः कन्यकुन्जः
- 28 चिप्तः कैलामग्रेलः पृथुतरमिहमा माहिमेंद्रः परास्तः । उत्तंगः संगमेशः प्रसमम-धिगती मीटितः ।
- 29 खेटनाथी येन खेनैव धाम्ना स कथमवितथं वर्र्धते रामचंद्र: [१९०॥*] य: शुक्क(ल्क)संकेतलिपिं व्यलीपयत्स-
- 30 वीग्रहारेषु करान्य(त्र्य)वारयत् । वाराणसीं स्त्रेच्छगणाझ्यमीचयत् हिरग्मयं ग्राङ्गधरालयं व्यधा-
- 31 त् ॥[१८॥*] स खल्वेवंविधगुणग णालंकतत्रीमस्रो(स्री)ढप्रतापचक्रवर्त्ती यादवकुलकमल-
- 32 कलिकाविकासभास्करो देवगिरिपुरपुरंदरी महाराजाधिराज: श्रीरामचंद्रदे-
- 33 व: शकनृपकालातीतसंवलारेषु दाचिंशदिधकदादशशतसंख्याकेषु । साधारण-
- 34 संवत्सरांतर्गतभाद्रपदश्रक्तैकादश्यां स(श)नी कान्हैरिदेशसंबद्दान् कान्हैरिखंपणकांत-

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35 र्गतान् पोष(ख)री । तत्प्रविष्टखेटकानि साएगाह्वाणं । पिंपलगाह्वाणं । पालि पी-खरी ॥ श्रडगौं ।

36 एतत्र्यविष्टानि खेटकानि । पिंपलवाडी । काजलकीवि । सींइजणें ॥ वाघीरे । ए-

¹ Read kshanan=nirjitö.

² What appears like a somewhat displaced anusvāra on va is probably due to a fault in the copper.

Originally Vajrādharah, subsequently altered to Vajrākara-.

⁴ This danda is superfluous.

[•] The repha on ga has been cancelled.

The superscript curve of i in li is very faint. The name occurs again in l. 74 as Pālipākharī.

- 37 तत्प्रविष्टानि खेटकानि । भींपिविडिरें ॥ गोलेगाडाण । धारवाधीरं ॥ कर-
- गपारगों ॥ एवमेतांवतुरी ग्रामान् स्वप्रविष्टनवस्त्रेटकसहितान् तचत्वनि-।
- धिनिचेपहचित्र(त्र)णजनपाषाणदंडगुक्र(ल्क)कार्कादिसमस्तादाययुकान् वासिष्ट(ष्ठ)गीचाय
- ऋग्वेदमाखाध्यायिने फुलवडुएमांबलनायकसुताय महामंडलीक पुरुषेनायका।
- य समस्तिनजाजासंपादनजनितपरितोखि(षे)ण अग्रहारकरणाय इस्तोदकपूर्वकं प्रादात ।
- 42 अस्थेते प्रशस्तियोकाः । विव्यस्थैकः पुरीधाः सुत इति विदित[:] सष्टरात्मा दितीय: सप्तवी-
- 43 गां वरिष्ठ: स जयित तपसां वासभूमिर्वसिष्ठ: । पातिव्रत्वीपदेशप्रथमगुक्गुणाक्षिती ग्रम्य पत्नी
- 44 बढा यहीष्ठकीणि विजगद्धतमःकीमुदी कामधेनुः ।[।१८॥*] ततीन्यस्ताहचः जनि ततीन्यी म्।
- निरिति कमात्यांगुर्वेगः चिभुवनवर्तमः प्रवहते । तमीमीह्याह्यह्कलुषितानां तनुस्तां प्रवा-
- 46 धं तन्वानस्तरणिकिरणानुक्रम इव ॥[२०॥*] तवासीज्ञानुसूरिनिजसवह्रविधे निर्गतानां सराणां धर्म-
- प्रासादभंग्या दिशि दिशि विज्ञिता येन सोपानमामा: । कि चीडर्न किलाधी-गतिसपि गसिता
- जन्तुन्खाता प्यातालम् लावधि विग्रदयशी रह्नष (ख)न्यस्तडागाः । । । ११॥*) 48 न्यसंयोगन तसाइभ्व तपसां
- निधिरव्हदेव संकेतधाम सकलार्थकतां गुणानां(नाम्) । कुची हरेरिव जगंति चतु-र्दशापि विद्यास्थ-।
- 50 लानि सुखमासत यस्य वत्ते ॥ १२२॥ विह्नसौलिमणिविनायक इति स्थातस्त-तीम् वातस्तीर्धान्य-

¹ The name of this hamlet occurs in lines 75-76 as Simpidihireis.

^{*} This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

^{*}The correct form of the title would be Mahamandalika.

The visargu is imperfectly incised here.

^{*} This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line,

Read khātāš pātāla-, unless sh before pā is to be taken as an upadhmānīya sign.

[[]Reading is "rafilhaderas - Ed.]

- 51 खचम'र्षणं विद्धते यत्नौत्तिंगंगांभसि । दूराहानगुणं निशम्य रभसादाग[च्छ]ता-मर्थिनां⁸ां
- 52 मधे यस गर्ड व्यनित निगमव्यास्त्रानवीयी महान् ।[1२३॥*] धर्मप्रेमसङ्ख्याः-प्रसवभू:'बातुर्यसारी ध-
- 53 तिचांतिचेसपदं क्रपाकुलपतिर्धेर्यप्रतिष्ठी च्छावः । विद्याकी ग्रग्टहं विचारसचिवः संपत्स-भासंडपः
- 54 स्तुः सांवलदेव इत्युद्भवत्यूरेस्ततः ख्यातिमान् ॥[२४॥*] प्रकृतिसदुलं मान्यं ग्रुढं मनोहरणचमं कु-।
- 55 सुमसदृगं निवित्येनं त्रियः परमास्पदं(दम्) । निपुणधिषणी रामचीणीपतिर्यदुपुंगवः कुसुमर्(च)-
- 56 नाध्यक्तं दक्तं प्रसादपरीकरीत् ।[।२५॥*] श्रुची हिते धीमित सत्यवाक्ये सेवापरे सांबलदेवसूरी । दिने दि-
- 57 नेवर्डत राजिचे पीतिः प्रगत्था खर्यहे [च] लच्चीः ॥[२६॥*] सारंगस्रितनयामय जासदम्न(म्स)वसान्वयप्रभ-1
- 58 वसाधवस्रियोचीं(चीम्) [1*] श्रकांविकेति विदितां गुणरत्नभूषां योशाससाबुदवह्रदिधिना स्वयोग्यां(ग्याम्) ।[1२०॥*]
- 59 पुत्रीभूदन्योर्नयाइटितयोर्मेधाविना वेधसा विश्वाणः पुरुषीत्तमत्वमुचितं नाम्बार्थसं-स्पर्णना [1*]
- 60 मक्ष्यादांगपरिष्यं विस्थाती दीषांग्रमं न्विच्छतः ग्राध्यं जन्म हरेयं एव वपुषः स्त्रीकार एकादमः ॥[२८॥*]
- 61 सद्दीष्या(हम्) दिगुणमतिं विविक्तवत्वा दीर्घाभ्यां दिगुणद्दमं सुतिस्मृतिभ्यां(भ्याम्) । धैर्येण दिगुणवलं तमच-

¹ The two aksharas gha and ma, which were wrongly repeated here, have been cancelled.

[&]quot; This anuseara is superfluous.

^{*} This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

^{*} This visarga is redundant.

^{*}The superscript, ch in chehla is imperfectly incised. Read pratishth-otsavah.

^{*} This visarga was added subsequently.

- 62 येण स्वे राज्ये यद्नुपतिर्व्यधात्रधानं(नम्) ।[।२८॥*] म विद्युतेवीज्व(ज्ज्व)लया निजाज्ञया प्रदर्श वर्णाश्रमयी: पृथक(क)-
- 63 मान् । महीपते: कीश्ग्यहे महीयसीं सुवर्णवृष्टिं व्यतनोद्दनीपमा:1 [॥३०॥*] स्वामिटी इक्रतामयीवलय-
- 64 वदकं कठोरं मनस्तस्य प्रज्वलता प्रतापशिषि(खि)ना नीतं जवादार्जवं(वम) । क्रास्तेषु सकंटक द्रमनिभा[:]
- 65 प्रष्टा निक्षष्टास्ततो रामचोणिपते: सुवर्णसदृशं तेज: कृतं प्रीज्य(ज्ज्व)लं(लम्) ।[1३१॥*] सक्ततनिधिष काशी-
- 66 द्वारकादोषु तीर्थेष्ववहितद्वदि तिसं² कल्पितानल्पसने । मुनिवचनविचारान्मुतिमानप्र-।
- 67 देषु स्फरित परिमदानीं भुतिभु(मु)तिप्रदत्वं(त्वम्) ।[।३२॥*] स्वाचारे स्वामिभक्ते विनयवति परस्तीधनागाविद्-
- 68 रे तिमन् प्रौढप्रतापे वहति पुरुषतां पौरुषेण स्मुटार्थां म् । तत्कीर्त्तिं निर्जिहानां दिशि दिशि

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- 69 बहुशी [हृष्ट]ता सज्जनानामासीत्वंपी रा(ग)रीयांच्छिरसि⁶ मनिम चाहर्निशं दर्जना-नां(नाम्) ।[1३३॥*] श्रीमां'न् रामनृपः प्रसन्नहृद-
- 70 यो लीकदयश्रेयसे कुर्वात्मी[च]तमग्रहारमिति तं वारान्बह्नादिशत्। तस्मे चाथ महाप्रसाद इति तां स्वी-
- 71 कुर्वत सित्क्रयां धारापूर्वमनत्यसारविषयान्यामानदान्मानदः ।[12811*] सीयमेवंविधगुण-रताकरश्रीमनाहा-
- 72 राजाधिराजश्रीरामचंद्रदेवीयमहामंडलीक पुरुषेनायकः श्वनतृपकालातीतसंवसरेषु दाचिंशद-18
- 73 धिकद्वाद्रश्रश्रतसंख्याकेषु साधारणसंवत्सरांतर्गते भाद्रपदमासि कपिलषष्ट्यां(हरां) कान्हेरि-देशसंबद्धान कान्हे-

¹ Read =ghan-ōpamah.

³ This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

⁴ The engraver first incised tasmin which he subsequently altered to tasmin.

⁵ This anusvāra is superfluous.

Read garīyān=chchhirasi.

⁷ This anusvāra is redundant.

⁸ Read Makamandalika.

- 74 रिखंपणकांतर्गतान् ॥ पीष(ख)री ॥ तत्प्रविष्टानि घे(खे)टकानि । साएगाञ्चाण । पालिपीखरी ॥ घडगी ॥
- 75 तत्प्रविष्टानि खेटकानि । पिंपलवाडी । काजनकीवि । सीइजणे ॥ वाचीरे ॥ एतत्प्रविष्टानि खेटकानि । सींपि-
- 76 दिहिरे । गोलेगाहाण । धारवाघीरे ।[।*] कुरुणपारगौं ॥ एवमेतांबतुरी ग्रामान् स्वप्रविष्टनवर्षेटकमहि-
- 77 तान् तत्रत्यनिधिनिनेपटणजनपावाणदंडग्रक्त(रुक)कारुकादिसमस्तादाययुक्तान् षडशीतिसं-स्थाका हत्ती[:]
- 78 परिकल्य(स्प्य) देवदयायें वृत्तिं(त्ति)दयं अम्बिष्टिकाप्रपार्थे(र्थ)मेका वृत्तिं (त्ति)ब्रीह्मणार्थे व्यशीतिसंख्याका वृत्तय: इत्यनया
- 79 भागकत्यनया नानागीचेभ्यो नानागाखाध्यायिभ्यः चागीतिसंख्यविष्रेभ्यो देवडयाग्निष्टि-काप्रपास-
- 80 हितेभ्यः स्वाभिलिख(वि)तफलिसदार्थे हिरग्याचतोदकपूर्वकं प्रादात् ॥ श्रय ब्राह्मण-नामानि । तत्र बहुचाः [।*]
- 81 केशो भहसुतमहादेवभहः । कीमण्णसुतविष्णुभहः । विष्णुमंचिस्तः पेदिभहः । गीविंदभहसुती
- 82 लावणभटः । एते काञ्चपाः ॥ मिन्नदेवभटसुतलक्मीधरभटः । पद्मनाभभटसुतदामीदर-भटः । द्या-
- 83 पदेवभद्दसुतसैरालभदः । योगिभद्दसुतवासुदेवभदः । राघी'भद्दसुतः कमलदेवभदः । देवणभद्द-
- 84 सती महादेवभटः । जीगदेवभट्टस्तः गदीभटः । ध्वा(१)सिदेवभट्टस्तः लघुसिदेव भटः । नागनायभट-
- 85 सुत: कालिदासभट: । गंगाधरमित्रसुत: पद्मनाभभट: । एते भारहाजा: । सुदन-भट्टसुतदासोदरभ-

¹ This name occurs above in line 37 as Simpirshirëm.

Read Kijara. Similar corrupt forms of names occur in some places below.

Read Lakehmana-bhattab.

⁴ Read Raghava.

Read Lakshmideca.

- 86 इ: । गणपतिभद्दस्तः वीरभद्रभद्दः । योगदेवभद्दस्ती यज्ञेन्तरभद्दः । सारंगनायकस्ती गीविंदना-
- 87 यक: । दामोदरभद्दसुत: महादेवभद्द: । महानायकभद्दसुतक गामदः । वामनाचार्य-सतो धनम्बरभट्टः ।
- 88 एतं जासदम्न(म्न्य)वत्साः । पद्मनासभद्दस्ती जानुभद्दः । विनायकभद्दस्ती राचवना-यकः । नागनायक
- 89 सुतपुरुधीत्तमदेव: । नरसीं(सिं)हभट्टसृतचांगदेवभट्ट: । महादेवभट्टसृत: कमलादेवभट्ट: । परशास-
- 90 सहसूत: कंगवसह: । एते वाणिष्टा:(हा:) ॥ पुरुषीत्तमभहसूत: क्रापासह: । पुरुषी-त्तमभद्दस्ती गीविंदभद्दः [।*]
- 91 महादेवभहस्ती वासुदेवभह: । एते विश्वाहृडा: । नागदेवभहस्त: खंडदेवभृह: । सदर्गनभट्सतः
- 92 पुरुषोत्तमभरः । विम्बनायभरसतः जयाभरः । गीविंदभरस्ती महादेवभरः । एते कोणिकाः ॥ प-
- 93 बानासभद्दस्ता नागदेवभद्दः । देवंभद्दस्तः बादित्यभद्दः । पतावागस्यो । शारंगपा-णिटेवसत: क्र-
- 94 पादेव: । रामदेवभइसती ब्रह्मदेवभइ: । एती विम्बामित्री । मांवलदेवसती जीगदेवभट्ट: दादं-
- 95 भहसुती दामीदरभट: । एती कींडिन्धी । अनंतभहसुती वैजनायभट: । पद्मनाभ-भइसती दा-
- 96 मोदरभट्टः । एती हरिती । गारंगपाणिभट्टस्तः चक्रपाणिभट्टः । कमलदेवभट्टस्ती दादंभरः [1*]
- 97 एती प्रथमानेयी । भारकरभ्रष्टस्तः क्षणाभ्रष्टः । वापदेवभृहस्तः सिंहभृहः । एती विषाहडांगिर-
- 98 सो । मांदरेवभट्सुतबंडिकाभट्टः । मांदरेवभट्सुती रामिश्वरभट्टः । एती वाध्यको । पश्चनाभ-

[·] Agastyab, which was first incised, was subsequently altered to Agastyav.

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86	वृतःकानिद्यासत्रद्यः।ग्रेगार्थर्गमञ्चतः।वद्यातान्तर्दः।पातनारदाजाः।सदतत्तरस्यत्वा गादरन्	
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90	इतप्रक्रेद्यात्रमादवः। नरनीहत्त्रहस्रतचामादवन्द्रश्महादिवन्दृश्यतःक्रमत्वद्रवन्द्रः। वर्षायकः महस्रतः। क्रावन्द्रः। प्रत्वाशिष्टाः।। प्रक्षात्रमत्तृहस्रतः सञ्चत्तः।। प्रकाणात्रसन्दर्भनाः।। विदन्तिः।	
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92	इसापालमन्द्रः। विश्वनाघत्रसम् तः क्र सन्द्राणा विदत्तद्याता महाद्वत्रहः। प्रतिकाशिकाः॥ प्र	
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94	स्वरिवः शिमद्रवत्तरस्यताब्रह्मद्रवसरः। पत्रिवः। जिन्द्रासावत्वरेवस्रताजागद्रवाशाद्रवस्य	
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- 99 भद्दसुती नागदेवभद्द: । गीत्तमः ॥ महादेवभद्दसुतखांगदेवभद्दः । नैध्रुवः ॥ दामी-टरभट्ट सतपर-
- 100 बीत्तमभटः । देवरातः । गीपालभट्टसती महादेवभटः । आनेयः । भास्करभट्टसत ग्रापटेवभट्टः ।
- 101 वत्सगीचः । गायचीभद्दस्तः क्रयाभदः । कपिमी(गी)चः ॥ नागदेवजीदसीसृतः परग्र-
- 102 गार्ग्यः । नागरणसुतकेशवदासः । पूतिमावः । विश्वाभट्टसुती नरसींहदासंभटः [1]
- वासिष्ठः । अय तैत्तिरीयाः । नारायणपेदिसुती मैरालभटः । माधवभट्टसुतिचवी(वि)-
- 104 जनभट्टः । गंगाधरभट्टसुतः सीमनाथभट्टः । माधवभट्टसुतो मांद्रदेवभट्टः । एते
- 105 भारदाजाः । क्रण्णभद्रसुतो विझदेवभद्यः । ब्रह्मदेवभद्यसुती गणपतिभदः । महादे-
- 106 वसहसुती विख(खे) खरभट्टः । नागका(खा) मिभट्टसुती रामे खरभट्टः । विश्वाभट्टसुत **ब्रापदेवभट्टः** [।*]

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- 107 एते कोंडिन्याः ॥ विशामहसुतसीमनायमहः । सिंहपेदिसुत ग्रादित्यमहः । विशामह-सती ना-
- 108 गदेवभटः । एते आवेयाः ॥ श्रीधरभट्सती धनेष्वरभटः । केशवाचार्यसृतपुरुषोत्तम-
- भट्टः । एती जामदग्न(ग्न्य)वत्सी । नागदेवभट्टसुतकीटेश्वरन(नं)[दि]: । क्(क्)पदेव-भट्टस्त आपदे-
- 110 वसहः । एतौ गौतमौ । विष्णुभद्दसुती(तः) शांर्गपाणिभदः [เ*] श्रीवत्सगीतः । क िता हिस्सार स्- लिल्ल क्ली लिल्ल किल्ल किल्ल है।
- 111 र्यभट्ट: [1*] लीहितगीचः । लच्चीधरभट्टसृती रामिखरभट्टः । हरितः । नरसीं(सिं)-हिनवेदी(दि)मुतक-
- 112 मलदेवभट: । प्रथमात्रेय: । एल्हणटूर्वसुतनारायणपेदि: । काश्यपगीत्रा(त्रः) [1*] ि। १ । । सोमनायद्वातिसृतः पद्म- अपन अपना जानीय अन्यानगर अपना ।
- 113 नामस्मांता । काम्यपी माध्यंदिनः । मनंतमदृश्वतसारंगमदः । काम्यपकाग्वः । दादंभद्दसुत: काकंभद्द: ॥(।)

^{*} Read Narasimhadāsa. The visarga which was wrongly incised after sa has been cancelled.

- 114 काकंभर्रमृतसावलभरः । एति । स्रिता । समपंडितस्तवसंतपंडितः । भारदाजः ॥ एते सामगा: । चर्च-
- 115 तदग्रहारभूमेराघाटा: । पूर्वत: टांडिगीं । सादलें । दक्षिणत: केंगवापरी । सांवरिगवां । हरिकोनि-
- 🛂 ६ वर्गी 📦 पश्चिमतः राजगीं । श्रीवरें । चिचवली । द्रगलेगाञ्चाणसंबध(इ)सहादे-चीपरी । उत्तरतः गंगा [1*]
- 117 एव(वं) चतुराघाटविश्रहः पुरुषीत्तमपुरापरनामधेयीग्रहारः कतः [।*] श्रव ब्राह्मण्-नियमा: । च(चा)-
- 118 चंद्रार्कामिदं भोज्यमेभिरेषां च वंग्रजी: । नार्षियं न च विक्रीयं सदा सन्धार्मावर्त्ति-[भि:] ।[१३५॥*] पखांगनानां सट-
- 119 नं न देयं दा(दा)तप्रचारोपि निवारणीयः । शस्त्रादिकं वापि न धारणीयं सत्त-म्मानिष्टै(है)भं(भी)वितव्यमिभि: [॥३६॥*]
- 120 राजसेवकानां वसतिप्रयाणदंडों न स्त: । यथ भूमिदानप्रशंसा । सिंहासनं तथा [च्छ]चं वराम्बा वरवा[र]-
- 121 गा: । भूमिदानस्य पुष्पाणि फलं स्वर्णस्तयेव च ।[1३०॥*] नृत्यंति पितरस्तस्य वलांति च पितासहाः । भूमिदीस-
- 122 त्कुले जात: सीखांबांतारियधिति ।[१३८॥*] म्रादित्वा इव दीप्यंते तेजसा दिवि मानवा: [1*] ये प्रयच्छ(च्छं)ति वसुधां ब्रा-
- 123 भ्रामायाहिताम्नये ।[1३८॥*] यथा जिनवी पुर्माति जीरेण स्तमुतं नृपा[:1*] एवं सर्वगुणैभूमिदातारमनुपुष्यति ॥[18०॥*] श्रामन-
- 124 श्रोमादिभियंत्रीरिष्टा विपुलदिचणै: । न तत्प(त्फ)लमवाब्रीति यहत्वा(त्वा) वसुधां नृप [[18१॥*] नृत्वीर्त्ति विंवरा दंडा
- 125 हास्नितापाः सुदारुणाः । वीराय वारुणाः पात्राः नीपसप्पति भूसिदं(दम्) ।[18२॥*] संतर्पयित दातारं भूमिः प्रभव-

¹ Read Késavapuri.

^{*} Read ső-sman samtarayishyati.
* Read Mynyor-ki.

- 126 तां वर । क्रशाय क्रमस्त्याय इत्तिचीणाय सीदते ।[18२॥*] भूमिं इत्तिकरीं दला(त्वा) च्छनी भवति मानवः ।[188॥*] षष्टिं वर्षसङ्ग्रा-
- 127 णि खर्मी तिष्ठति भूमिदः श्राच्छेत्वा(ता) चानुमंता च तान्धेव नरके वसेत ।[18५॥*] वारिदस्तुप्तिमाप्रीति सुखमच-
- 128 यमबदः । तिलप्रदः प्रजामिष्टां दीपदव कुरूतमं । भूमिदः सर्वमाप्रीति दीर्घमा-यस्तयैव च ॥[४६॥*] अय
- 129 ब्राह्मणभूमिहरणे दीषा: ॥ गामेकां रिवकामिकां भूमेरप्येकमंगुलं(लम्) । हरं(रन्) नरकमाप्रीति यावटा-
- 130 भूतर्संप्रवं(वम्) ।[18911*] खदत्तां परदत्तां वा यी हरेत वसंधरां(राम्) । षष्टिं वर्षसङ्म्राणि विष्ठायां जायते क्रिमः ।[१४८॥*] स्वद-
- 131 त्तां परदत्तां वा हरेत सुरविप्रयोः । इत्तिं स जायते विद्रुग्वषीणामयुतायुतं(तम्) ा[।8८॥*] विंध्याटवीखतीयास
- 132 ग्रुष्ककोटरशायिन: [1*] क्रष्णसर्पाः प्रजायंते ब्रह्मभूस्यपहारकाः ।[१५०॥*] हिनस्ति विषयत्तारं विद्यरिक्षः प्र-
- 133 शाम्यति । कुलं समूलं दहित व्र(ब्र)ह्मस्वारिणपावक: ।[14१॥*] ब्रह्मस्वं दुरनुज्ञातं भूतां इति निपृक्षं(षम) । प्रसन्ध ।
- 134 तु बलाइतां दम पूर्वीन् दमापरान् ।[।५२॥*] ग्टइं(ह्नं)ति यावतः पा(पां)सून क्रांदतामश्रुबिंदवः । विप्राणां हतवृत्तीनां व-
- 135 दान्यानां कुटुंबिनां(नाम्) ।[।५२॥*] राजानी राजकुल्यास तावतीव्दानिरंकुणा[:*] । कंभीपाकेषु पचंते ब्रह्मभूम्यप-।
- 136 हारिए: ॥ ५४॥ *] अथ भूमिपालनफलं(लम्) ॥ दानपालनयीर्मध्ये दानाच्छेयोनुः पालनं(नम) । दानात्मर्गमवाप्री-
- 137 ति पालनादच्युतं पदं(दम्) [१५५॥*] गर्खाते पांश्रवी भूमेर्गखंते हृष्टिबिंदव: । न गखते विधानापि भूमिसंर-
- 138 चणे फलं(लम्) । १४६॥*] बहुभिर्वसुधा दत्ता राजभि[:*] सगरादिभि: । यस्य यस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फ-

Markett There while you hear or over mode line?

¹ Read either kum=uttamām or Kur-ūttama.

² Danda unnecessary.

This mark is to show that the word is continued in the next line.

- 139 लं(लम्) ।[।५৩॥*] सामान्धीयं धर्मसितुन्याणां काले काले पालनीयो भवडि: [।*] सर्वानितान् भाविनः पार्थिवें(वें)द्रान् भू-
- 140 यो भूयो याचते रामचंद्र: ग्।५८॥*] सहंशजाः परमहीपतिवंशजा वा पापादपेत-सनमी भुवि भाविभूपाः । ते
- 141 पालयंतु सस धर्ममि[मं समग्रं] तेभ्यो सया विरचितौजलिरेष सूर्द्धिः ॥[५८॥*] संगलं सहायीः ॥ छ ।

TRANSLATION.

Om! Obeisance to the holy primeval Boar!

(Verse 1) May Śāragapāṇi (Vishņu) be worshipped !—(he) whose proper form consists of unsurpassed and infinite bliss and consciousness; whose manifest power is possessed through mighty and stainless sattea; who has an extremely attractive body which is an abode of auspicious things (and) who is the refuge of those who are worsted by others!

- (V. 2) Glorious is the moon, the pleasure-lotus (in the hand) of the goddess of fortune of the three worlds, which sprang from the milk-ocean which is the pleasure-lake of Lakshmi and Nārāyana!
- (V. 3) Glorious is that infinite race of the moon, the creeper of whose fame shines in this world. In that race, again, there were the bright and round pearls possessed of great and attractive lustre, viz., the Vrishnis of unblemished character. Among them, again, there is a one-string necklace formed with a beautiful thread, (viz., the Yādava family of Dēvagiri which is possessed of excellent merits) which gave lustre to the necks of poets. In it, again, there is this central gem possessing the beautiful lustre of the wish-fulfilling jewel, (namely,) the king Siriha.
- (V. 4) What kings were not terrified to hear that by Simha Balläla was vanquished, the lord of Andhra was made to suffer a defeat, Kakkalla was overthrown, the lord of Bhambhāgiri was devoured in a moment, the king Bhōja was thrown into confinement on the crest of a fortress and Arjuna was subjugated?
- (V. 5) His son was Jaitrapāla, the moon to the kumuda which was (kis) family (and) a very gracious temple of the goddess of heroism; who by his excellent form completely quelled the pride of the god of love, the tap-root of beauty; who was concluded to be the unique limit of the excess of magnanimity by the people who (at first) expressed (their) doubts as to whether he was Karna, or Dadhichi, or Šibi, or Jīmūtavāhana.
- (V. 6) From him was born the lord, the illustrious king Krishna, who frequently vanquished brave men. Seeing warriors fleeing away (before him), the regions laughed at them under the guise of his fame.

¹ Visarga is superfluous.

^{*} The original has conside which means also a bamboo. On this double entendre is based the following metapher. According to a postic convention, pearls are produced also from hamboos.

^{*} Because it supplied them with an excellent subject for their poems.

^{*} All these were noted for their great liberality.

- (V. 7) He whose activities extended to Kamapala and to whom extensive fortune resorted of its own accord, clearly manifested himself to be Krishna,1 delighting zealously a multitude of cowherds.
- (V. 8) On the occasion of his march for conquest, princes disguised as bards sang as follows:-Collect, O old Garjara, the mass of dust in the cowpens throughout (thy) life ! Do not, O Malava, stop mowing ! Cling, O Chola, to the hem of the lower garment (of ladies) ! Be intent, O Kôżala, on giving up (thy) treasure !
- (V. 9) When the king Krishna went sportively to his own city Vaikuntha in order to have a look at it, that younger brother of his (viz.), Mahādēva, ruled over this earth thereafter ;- (he) whose sword, which produced the misapprehension that it was the ornamental mark of musk (on the farehead) of the Earth who was shining on his arm, caused terror among hostile kings.
- (V. 10) Though he plunged the crescent moon into the ocean, removing her from her proper place, he is, strange (to say), still called Mahadeva by the people.
- (V. 11) (Then) was born his son the king Ammana, who was possessed of great strength? and who greatly rescued the Brahmanas oppressed by taxes, even as Skanda rescued the gods oppressed by (the demon) Taraka.
- (V. 12) When the Grandsire of warriors was giving away (in charity), all hostile kings, indeed, became eager to receive the gifts; since having continuously exposed themselves to the rays of the hot-rayed (sun), they whose minds were distressed by the reproachful words of (their) beautiful (wires), regretfully cast a (wistful) glance at their kingdoms.
- (V. 13) Climbing the highest Devagiri by means of the ladder which were the heads of hostile princes, the (famous) Rama, the son of Krishna, enjoys his kingdom, forcibly wresting it from him (i.e., Ammana).
- (V. 14) First entrance into the fort of Devagiri, then observation of the manner of dancing, afterwards rallying of self-willed foot-soldiers, then throwing off of ornaments, removal of the opponent who obstructed (his) desired object and wresting of the earth from him-these were successively accomplished by the illustrious Rama. Hence his glorys is extraordinary!

1 Krishna also is known for similar deeds. He gave protection to Kama (f.e., the god of love) who became his son Pradyumna. He was chosen by Lakshmi (who had incarnated herself as Rukmini) at her sungainers. Finally, he used to delight herds of cows by his sweet music.

Saktidhara (the wielder of a spear) is also a name of Skanda.

* Kahatra-pitāmaha 'Grandsire of kings' was one of the birudas of the Yadavas of Dēvagiri. The Thana plates mention in two places (lines 28 and 35-36) a similar title in connection with Ramachandra,

* The idea seems to be that these princes were standing in the hot sun the whole day in the hope of receiving back their kingdoms as gifts from Amanadeva. As they went home empty-handed, they were rebuked by their wives. Liläenti is also the name of the first section of Bhaskaracharya's Siddhantasiromani. Is there, then, a play on the word chandamin also (meaning Bhaskara)? Bhaskaracharya is not, however, known to have written a work named Kiranavali.

* Sloku means also a verse. This verse which describes the successive achievements of Ramachandra is superior to the following traditional verse which describes in a similar manner the successive doings of Rama, an incarnation of Vishņu: —Ādau Rāma-tapovan-ābhigamanam hatvā mrīgam kānchanam Vaidēht-haraņam Jatāyumaranam Sugriva-sambhāshaṇam | Vāli-nirdalanam samudra-taraṇam Lankā-puri-dāhanam pašchād=Rāvaṇa-Kumbhakarna-hananam-etad-dhi Ramayanam (

² The astonishment is due to the fact that the god Mahādēva (whose name the king bears) always keeps on his head the crescent moon which had sprung from the ocean. The contradiction in this verse is only apparent, the figure being Virödhöbhösu; for Sóma means here the Siláhāra king Sómēśvara whom Mahādēva killed in a naval engagement.

- (V. 15) The illustrious Rāma,—who noticed an easy way of securing his kingdom, whose entire policy is explained by his occupation of the fort (of Dēvagiri), who obtained his object by his personal energy which shone by the use of various means, who showed the way to acquire wealth by forbidding actions of the castes in transgression (of the dictates of the Sāstras), who surpassed celestial beings¹ in that though a boy² he was not affected by abuse,—is (verily) Sarvavarman,³ who noticed an easy way of forming padas,⁴ all of whose aphorisms are explained by Durga's⁵ commentary, who derived the (intended) sense from roots shining with conjugational signs, who showed how to obtain the meaning (of abbreviations) without writing the letters (of the alphabet) in the reverse order,⁶ and who has surpassed the primeval grammarians,⁷ since not even a boy (who studies his grammar) is tainted by the use of wrong words.⁸
- (V. 16) How can that Rāma be described?—(he) who vanquished in a moment the king of the great and extensive **Pāhala** country; who made the lord of the country of **Bhāṇḍāgāra** suffer a great defeat; who deprived the king of **Vajrākara** of his kingdom, and who subjugated in battle that (well-known) king of cowherds?
- (V. 17) How can that Rāmachandra be truly described ?—(he) who only by his prowess defeated with arrows the lord of Palli on a battle-field, made the king of Kanyakubja bend low, captured by force the mighty lord of Sangama and crushed the chief of Khēṭa?
- (V. 18) He abrogated the conventional rules about tolls, exempted all agrahāras from taxes, freed Vārānasī from a hoard of Mlēchchhas and constructed (there) a golden temple of Šārngadhara.

(Lines 31-42) He, the Praudhapratāpa-Chakravartin, Mahārājādhirāja, the illustrious king Rāmachandra, adorned by a multitude of such excellences, the sun which makes the lotus-bud, viz., the Yādava race, bloom, the Purandara of the city of Dēvagiri, granted with joy caused by the execution of all his commands, by pouring water on the hand, on Saturday, the eleventh tithi of the bright fortnight of Bhādrapada in the (cyclic) year Sādhāraṇa when twelve hundred years increased by thirty-two had elapsed since the time of the Śaka king, the four villages together with nine hamlets included in them, situated in the Kānhairi khampanaka (sub-division) included in the Kānhairi dēśa, together with the treasures, deposits, trees, grass, water, stones, and all dues such as fines, taxes, and cess on artisans,—(the four villages, namely), Pōkharī (with) the hamlets included in it, (viz.), Sāēgāhvāṇa. Pimpalagāhvāṇa (and) Pālipōkharī; Aḍagau (with) the hamlets included in it, (viz.), Pimpalavāḍi, Kājalakōvi (and) Sōijaṇē; Vāghaure (with) the hamlets included in it, (viz.), Sīmpivihirē, Gōlēgāhvāṇa (and) Dhāravāghaurē; (and) Kuruṇapāragau—

¹ Divy-ākriti means a celestial being such as Rāma who was an incarnation of Vishņu. He was blamed by the people of Ayödhyā, because he took back his wife Sītā after her stay in Rāvaṇa's house. (See Vālmīki's Rāmāyaṇa (Bom. ed.), Uttarakānda, sarga 63.)

² As Rāmachandra had a long reign of about forty years, he may have been in his teens when he wrested the crown from his cousin.

³ Sarvavarman is the reputed author of the Katantra system of Sanskrit grammar.

⁴ A pada is a nominal or a verbal form ending in a case-affix or a termination.

⁵ Durga or Durgasimha is a well-known commentator of the Kātantra sūtras.

In the Māhēśvara sūtras, on which the system of Pāṇini is based, the natural order of the letters of the alphabet is reversed for the sake of the pratyāhāras. In the sūtras of Śarvavarman, however, the natural order of the letters is retained.

⁷ In the second sense we have to make the pada-chchhēda as jētā ādi-vyākritīnām (who surpassed the primeval grammarians like Pāṇini).

⁵ The Kātantra system is much easier than the Pāṇinian, so that even a boy can soon master the Sanskrit language with its aid. For the story of its origin, see the Kathāsaritsāgara, lambaka 1, tarangas 6-7.

to the Mahāmāndalika Purushai Nāyaka, the son of the Phulabaduē Sāmvala Nāyaka, who belongs to the Vāsishtha-gōtra and is a student of the Rigvēda-śākhā. The following are the eulogistic verses about him:—

- (V. 19) Glorious is Vasishtha, the abode of austerities, who is the sole preceptor of the world, the son of the Creator, known as his second self, (and) the foremost of the seven sages; whose wife is Arundhatī whose virtue is the foremost teacher for (giving) instruction in chastity; and in a corner of whose cowpen there is the celestial cow which is a very moonlight for (dispelling) the darkness, namely, the distress of the three worlds.
- (V. 20) From him another son was born like him and then from him another. Thus in course of time there sprang a noble family, an ornament of the three worlds, resembling a succession of the sun's rays causing awakening among the embodied beings troubled by the alligator-like darkness and infatuation.
- (V. 21) In that (family) was born Bhānusūri who constructed in every quarter, staircases in the guise of temples for the sake of gods who had come out (of heaven) to receive offerings in his sacrifices; and who, in order to raise up the creatures who had sunk low by reason of their (bad) deeds, excavated, as deep as the surface of the nether regions, tanks which were the mines of jewels in the form of his bright fame.
- (V. 22) From him was born Alhadeva, (who uas) a treasure of austerities, and a meeting place of all fruitful excellences; in whose mouth dwelt with ease the fourteen lores even as the fourteen worlds do in the belly of Hari (at the time of world-destruction.)
- (V. 23) From him was born a son named Vināyaka, the crest-jewel of (all) learned people. In the water of the Ganges, namely, his fame, even the holy places perform the purificatory rite; (and) the loud noise of the exposition of the Vēdas discloses his house to the supplicants who come in haste, having heard of his virtue of liberality.
- (V. 24) From that learned man sprang a famous son named Sārivaladēva, the friend of the love of piety, the source of glory, the essence of cleverness, the abode of contentment, forgiveness and happiness, the head of the family of compassion, the festivity of the establishment of courage, the treasury of learning, the minister of discrimination and the assembly-hall of wealth.
- (V. 25) Having ascertained that like a flower be was gentle by nature, venerable, pure, capable of attracting the mind and the best abode of fortune, the king Rāma, the foremost of the Yadus, who has a keen intellect, being intent on showing favour to him, made him, (who was) vigilant, the superintendent of the arrangement of flowers.
- (V. 26) Day by day there grew in the mind of the king affection for Sāmvaladēva, who was honest, beneficent, intelligent, truthful and devoted to service even as fortune did in his home.
- (V. 27) Then he married, according to the sacred rite, a wife named Akvāmbikā, worthy of himself, who was the daughter of Sārangasūri and the son's daughter of Mādhavasūri born in the family of Jāmadagnya-Vatsa, and who was adorned by the jewels of excellences
- (V. 28) To these, who were designedly united by the wise Creator, there was born a son, bearing the fitting and significant name of Purushottama. This is the eleventh incarnation of Hari, who reflecting on the slight blemish in incarnating himself as the fish, etc., was seeking a noble birth.

¹ I.e., he became famous by excavating these tanks.

^{2[}See above, p 212, n. 7.-Ed.]

- (V. 29) The Yadu king made him a minister of his Government—(him) who had double wisdom due to his association with good people marked by discrimination, double vision by his study of the extensive statis and smritis, (and) double strength by his inexhaustible courage.
- (V. 30) Having shown by his brilliant command separate courses of conduct for the castes and orders of life, even as a cloud shows different paths by its lightning, he poured a large shower of gold into the treasure-house of the king.
- (V. 31) The crooked and hard mind of treasonous people was quickly made straightforward by his brilliant prowess, even as the hard and curved bracelet of iron is made straight by burning fire. The cruel ones among them were burnt like thorny trees and then taken out. Then the glory of the king Rāmachandra was made bright like gold.
- (V. 32) When he, who had devoted his heart to the holy places like Kāšī and Dvārakā which are the treasures of religious merit, established charitable feeding houses (in them) the capacity to yield (both) enjoyment and liberation now shines in those (holy places) which, from a consideration of the declaration of sages, were (previously) held to confer liberation only.
- (V. 33) While he, who is well-conducted, devoted to his lord, modest, extremely averse to others' wives and wealth and possessed of great prowess, was conducting himself as a (noble) man, displaying herosim, there generally followed, day and night, in the wake of his glory which went forth in every direction, joy in good people and great trembling in the head and heart of wicked ones.
- (V. 34) The illustrious and gracious minded king Rāma asked him many times to make an agrahāra worthy of himself for (the attainment of) well-being in both the worlds. And when he accepted that honour as a great favour, he (i.e., the king) who humbles the pride (of his foes), conferred on him villages of great value by pouring water (on the hand).
- (Ll. 71-80) He, that Purushai Nāyaka, the mine of such jewels of excellences, the Mahāmāwlalika of the illustrious Mahārājādhirāja Rāmachandradēva, has conferred, for the attainment of his desired object, making first the offerings of gold, rice and water on the Kapilashashihi in the month Bhadrapada included in the (cyclic) year Sadharana when twelve hundred years increased by thirty-two had elapsed since the time of the Saka king, the four villages together with nine hamlets included in them, situated in the Kanhairi khampayaka (sub-division) of the Kanhairi deśa, together with the treasures, deposits, grass, water, stones and all dues such as fines, taxes (and) cess on artisans, -(the four villages, namely), Pokhari (with) the hamlets included in it, (viz.), Sāēgāhvāņa, Pimpalagāhvāņa (and) Pālipōkharī; Adagau (with) the hamlets included in it. (viz.), Pimpalavādi, Kājalakovi (and) Soijaņē; Vāghaurē (with) the hamlets included in it, (viz.), Sîmpidihirē, Gölēgāhvāņa (and) Dhāravāghaurē; and Kuruņapāragau-after dividing them into vrittis (i.e., parts) numbering eighty-six (and) assigning (them) to the Brahmanas, eighty-three in number, who belong to various gotras and are students of various sākhās, together with two gods, agnishtikā and prapā, in this manner, namely, two vrittis to the two gods, one vritti for (the performance of) the agnishtika rite and (the maintenance of) a prapa (charitable water-shed) (every year) and the remaining vrittis numbering eighty-three to (the following) Brahmanas. Now the names of the Brahmanas :-

(Here follow the names of eighty-three Brahmanas together with those of their fathers, quirus and śākhās.)

(Li. 114-117) Now the boundaries of this agrahāra land: —To the east Dāṇḍigau (and) Sādulē; to the south Kēšavapurī, Sāvarīgavā (and) Harikinibagau; to the west Rājagau, Hīvarē, Chiñcha-

vali, (and) Mahādēvapurī joined to Drugalēgāhvāņa; to the north the Gangā. The agrahāra, which has the other name of Purushōttamapurī, has thus been formed with the four boundaries well-determined in this manner.

(Li. 117-20) Now rules for the conduct of the Brāhmaṇas. This land shall be enjoyed by these (Brāmaṇas) and their descendants, following always the righteous path; it shall not be mortgaged or sold. No quarter shall be given to prostitutes; the custom of gambling also shall be prohibited; (and) weapons and (such) other things shall not be used. These Brāhmaṇas shall (always) be intent on (performing) good deeds. There shall be no forced contribution (for the expenses of) royal officers halting at and departing from (the agrahāra).

(Li. 120-41) Now the praise of a gift of land :-

(Here follow twenty-three benedictive and imprecatory verses.)

(Line 141) May there be bliss and great fortune!

No. 22.—TWO GRANTS OF PRITHIVICHANDRA BHOGASAKTI.

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In August 1936 when Mr. Vats was Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle, Poona, three grants consisting of seven copper plates were sent to him by the Collector of Nāsik. They were found with a Marāthi Patel family, surnamed Shid, of Anjaneri village in the head-quarters Talukā of the Nāsik District. Three of the plates were found to make one grant, marked A and two another, marked B, both issued by a king named Prithivichandra Bhōga-bakti. Lines 1-25 of the former are identical with lines 1-27 of the latter. The remaining two plates were found to make a third grant of the Gurjara king Jayabhata III. Below are described the first two grants mentioned above as A and B.

Each of these grants was held together by two copper rings. To one of the two rings of the one marked A is affixed a tubular seal containing the figure of a lion in relief. The surface of the seal is circular and 1½" in diameter. The three plates of this set along with the rings and the seal weigh 308 tolas. There is also the figure of a boar engraved in the middle of the second half of the second plate of this grant. The plates measure 12½ to 12½ inches in length and 7½ to 8 inches in width. As usual, the first and the third plates are inscribed on the inner faces only and the middle plate on both the sides. The inscription consists of 55 lines of writing, 14 on each of the first, second and fourth faces and 13 on the third one.

A circumscribed lotus is incised on the uninscribed outer face of the first plate, while a large figure of conch shell appears upside down across the outer face of the third plate which bears a postcript record of king Tejavarman in 9 lines.

The two plates making up the second grant measure $11_8^7 \times 7_2^4$ to 7_8^7 inches. One of the two rings of this grant is missing and the remaining one has a tubular seal similar to that found in A. The weight of the two plates forming this grant together with the ring and the seal is

¹ Such restrictions date from ancient times. See, for instance, vv. 31 ff. of the Sirpur inscription of the time of Mahā-Sivagupta, above, Vol. XI, pp. 192 f.

^{*}The same expression occurs also in the Paithan plates. It was first interpreted by Dr. Fleet as referring to the exemption of the king's servants from fines either for staying at or for setting out on journeys from them. (Ind. Ast., Vol. XIV, p. 315). Later on he gave the alternative explanation that "the expression . . . may refer to fines i.e., forced contributions of money or supplies obligatory on the holders of villages on such occasions" (C. I. I., Vol. III, p. 98, n. 2). Three is no doubt that the latter is the correct interpretation.

178 tolas. In this, the inscription consists of 38 lines only, 12 being inscribed on the first plate, 14 and 12 respectively on the inner and outer faces of the second plate.

Both the grants are, on the whole, well preserved, but in some cases owing to portions of the plates being more or less corroded certain letters of grant B are not quite legible.

The characters in the inscriptions belong to the southern variety of the seventh century A.D. and are similar to those of the Valabhi and Gurjara grants of the same period. They are crowned by small circles and are more angular than rounded, mark, for instance, the letters m, v, and d. Among peculiarities of the inscription in grant A, it may be pointed out that the sign for the medial long \hat{u} is used in two ways, cf. Pürveattrikūta, l. 38 and Pūrveš šatam, l. 39. The sign for initial \hat{c} in l. 54 deserves to be noted specially with reference to the same sign in ll. 14 and 31 of grant B. Equally remarkable are the forms of letters ph and $bh\bar{u}$ in lines 52 and 53 respectively. It may also be noted that both the forms of l are found in this inscription. As regards the orthography it may be stated that the sign for upadhmāniya is but once used in l. 44 of A and a consonant is usually doubled both before and after r as in göttra, puttra, parākkrama, vikkrānta, kkriyā, kshōbhit-ārṇṇava, mirvvišēsha, varmma, dākshiny-ādibhir-gyuṇaih, pūrvva, dēvasy-ārchchana, Janārddana, etc. N is used for anusvāra in vanšasy- (l. 6) and Sinhavarmma (l. 9). The language of the records is Sanskrit prose with the exception of the invocatory and the imprecatory verses at the beginning and end.

As regards the peculiarities of the inscription in grant B, it may be stated that the signs for the medial a and ri and the subscript r are not easily distinguishable from one another. So also is the case with a and t. The repha is turned round to the left of a letter so much so that it goes above it. In this inscription, too, a consonant is usually doubled before and after r. Grant A seems to contain Sanskrit renderings of certain local words or phrases e.g., karané kôceram, l. 35, ghrita-sétikā, l. 37. Of the former, the sense is not at all clear, but the latter was possibly a small measure such as a ladle.

In both the grants, the records open with an invocatory verse in praise of the boar incarnation of the god Vishnu as is always the case with the inscriptions of the Western Chalukyas of Bādāmi who were acknowledged as their overlords by the kings of the Harischandra family. Then follows the prose portion describing in usual terms the origin of the Chalukya family in which was ruling the emperor Vikramāditya, who was an ornament of the whole earth. This is followed by the description of a ruler named Svāmichandra whose sovereign Vikramāditya Chalukya considered him as his son, who was an ornament of the Harischandra family and who enjoyed the possession of the whole of the Purī-kōnkana, consisting of 14,000 villages. Svāmichandra's son was Simhavarman and the latter's son was Bhōgaśakti, who bore the second name of Prithivīchandra'. Much of the further portion of the inscription is devoted to an extravagant praise of this feudatory king Bhōgaśakti.

The grant marked A was issued by Bhōgašakti after addressing the state officials etc. of Gōparāshṭra, eastern Trikūṭa, Āmrarājī, Mairikā, two Mahāgirihāras, and Palla Aḍhamba[ka] divisions, and its object was to provide for conducting the worship of the god Nārāyaṇa and for dance, music, free kitchen, etc., at the temple which had been built at Jayapura by Bhōgāśavara who is probably to be identified with Bhōgaśakti himself. The endowment made for the above purposes consisted of the revenues of eight villages, viz., Jayagrāma, Ambē-Avangaṇa, Pālittapāṭaka, Kōkilākshaka, Kalahaka, Mradgāhitaka²,

¹ [See below p. 235, n. 3,—Ed.]

² [He also seems to have had the birada Tribhuvanānkuša (l. 25A, l. 27B),—Ed.]

^{* [}See below p. 232, n. 2.-Ed.]

Kshāmagiraka and Annagrāma and the income derived from certain taxes. The taxes consisted of certain levies during the yatra festival of the god from every shop in the market and every court-yard(?); and on the import and export of every load of caravan; a handful of corn, and a fixed measure of ghee from (every house in) the principal village in each of the sub-divisions of Göparāshtra, Āmrarājī, and Mairikā; and in like manner from other villages; one hundred Krishnarāja rupees from the sub-division of eastern Trikūţa; two hundred Krishnarāja rupees from the western Mahagirihara and one hundred from the eastern one; and fifty Krishu vaja rupees from the Palla Adhamba sub-division. But the above eight villages, on which taxes were thus imposed, were exempted from all the usual exactions of forced labour, etc. A committee of five or ten merchants, was enjoined, in accordance with the established custom of the town, to arrange for the yatra festival of the god Vishin for a whole formight in the month of Margasirsha. The management of the temple was vested in the merchant guild of the town of Jayapura and the local merchants were exempted from (all other state) taxes,

This grant is dated in the year 461 of an unspecified era. Its scribe was Bharatasvāmin,

The grant B refers to the re-colonisation of the formerly deserted Samagiripattana (the an inhabitant of Kallivana. township of Samagiri) along with Chandrapuri and four other hamlets called Ambayapallikas, Savāņēyapallikā, Maurēyapallikā and Kamsāripallikā. All these were vested in the town council of Samagiripattana, the merchants whereof were exempted from the payment of custom duties, the aputradhana, etc. The town council was also empowered to impose fines for certain moral delinquencies and other crimes.

The outer face of the third plate of grant A bears another inscription of nine lines in characters larger in size and slightly different in form from those of the main inscription. It records the grant by king Tejavarman of a free pasture land in the village of Palittapataka near Jayapura, already mentioned in the main inscription. In lieu of this land belonging to the god Bhogësvara-dëva, who is identical with the Bhogësvara-pratishthita-Narayana of the main inscription, one hundred rupees were deposited by him with the merchant guild of Jayapura as a perpetual endowment, the interest of which was to be utilised for providing guggula for the

It is interesting to note that Tejavarman, who calls himself a rajan, is mentioned also in daily worship of the god. grant R wherein he is said to have promulgated the orders contained in the grant. As Bhogašakti and his predecessors also bore no more assuming a title than rajan it is possible that Tējavarman belonged to the same family and might even have been a successor of Bhōgaśakti, since his record appears as a postscript to grant A.

The great historical importance of the present grants lies in the fact that they bring to light a new feudatory dynasty which ruled in the latter part of the seventh and the beginning of the eighth century A.D. over the vast territory comprising the whole of Puri-konkana consisting of 14,000 villages which apparently included the present Nasik District under the sovereignty of The first member of this feudatory family, which was named after Harischandra, was Svämichandra, who acknowledged the sovereignty of Vikramāditya, the Western Chalukya emperor who, as we know, reigned from 655 to 680 A.D. It is specially noted in the inscriptions that Syamichandra was loved by his overlord as his own son. The figure of a boar, the emblem of the Chalukya family of Bādāmi, engraved on the reverse of the second plate of Grant A, was probably meant to indicate respect and loyalty to the Imperial dynasty, whereas

^{1 [}See below p. 235, n. 3.-Ed.]

^{* [}See below p. 237, n. 3 .- Ed.]

the figure of a lion embossed on the seals attached to the plates was presumably the emblem of the Harischandra family. Since nothing is specifically mentioned in the inscriptions to the credit of Svämichandra's two successors, Simhavarmarāja and Bhōgašakti, it may be concluded that they did little in raising the importance of the family.

There is nothing in the inscription to denote the era to which its date should be referred. The Chalukya emperors, to whom Bhogasakti's family owed allegiance, used no doubt the Saka era in all their grants and ordinarily it might be expected that the same would be used by their feudatories of the Harischandra family as well. But that the date 461 of our record cannot be referred to the Saka era is obvious from the fact that Svāmichandra, the grandfather of Bhogasakti who is the donor of the present grant, was a contemporary of the Chalukya emperor Vikramāditya, who, we know, ruled from A.D. 655 to 680. This is possible only if the date is referred to the Kalachuri era which is found generally used in inscriptions of the period discovered in the Lata country The inscription therefore belongs to the year 709-10 A.D. The Harisand the Näsik District'. chandra family, although it owed allegiance to the Chalukyas, seems to have adopted the Kalachuri era in their grants because it was current in the country.

The Aihole inscription of Pulakēśin II, dated A.D. 634, tells us that this ruler had defeated the Mauryas of Konkana and had subdued the city called Puris, which was the glory of the western sea. But we know that in the concluding years of Pulikesin's reign his hold over the northern territories had slackened. Svamichandra of the Harischandra family, who was probably ruling over a small territory round about Jayapura in the Nāsik District, seems to have rendered such aignal services to the Chalukya emperor Vikramāditya, son of Pulikēšin, in consolidating his power over the western and northern parts of the empire that he was not only considered as his son by the emperor but, as may be inferred from our Anjaneri plates, also appears to have obtained from him as a reward the whole of the territory known as Puri-könkana.

The Dhōndhaka grants of the Chalukya Jayasimhavarman, younger son of Pulikësin, shows that he was ruling over the Näsik territory in about Saka 580 (A.D. 658). Similarly, the Nirpan platest found in the Igatpuri Taluka of the Nasik District record a grant by Tribhuvanasraya-Nāgavardhana, son of Dharāśraya-Jayasimhavarman, one of the younger brothers of the emperor Pulikësin himself, of a village named Balëgrama in the Göparashtra vishaya. Although there are strong reasons to suppose that the Nirpan plates are spurious, yet from both of these this much is clear that a portion of the Nāsik District was for some time in the possession of a scion of the Imperial family. Now our Anjaneri plates show that the divisions of Göparashtra and others were in the possession of Bhogasakti and probably of his predecessors too. This was possible only if Vikramaditya had taken out the territory from the possession of a scion of his own family and granted it to Svāmichandra for his valuable services.

It seems strange, however, that no successor of Vikramaditya has been mentioned in the record, not even the sovereign Vijayaditya (A.D. 697-733) who was reigning at the time of this inscription. It need not be supposed from this that the Chalukya emperors lost hold over the pro-

^{1 (7), (}a) Abhōna (Nāsik District) plates of Sankaragaņa dated in the year 347=A.D. 595. Vol. IX. pp. 297 ff. (b) Vadnera (Näsik District) plates of Buddharaja dated in the year 360 - A.D. 608. Above, Vol. XII, pp. 33 ff. (c) Sarsavni (Baroda State) plates of Buddharāja dated in the year 361 - A.D. 609. Above,

Above, Vol. VI, pp. 1 ff., verses 20-21.

> G. H. Khare, Sources of the Medieval History of the Dekkan (in Marathi), Vol. I, pp. 12 ff.

⁴ Ind. Ant., Vol. IX, p. 124.

vince in which Bhōgaśakti was ruling, since the latter makes a proper mention of the Chalukya family at the beginning of the inscription and engraved the figure of a boar in the middle of it showing thereby that he had full regard for the Imperial family and owed allegiance to it.

Secondly, a copper plate grant referring to the reign of Vijayāditya was found at Balsār¹ in Gujarāt which was issued from the town of Mangalapuri by the Rājā Mangalarasa, son of Dharāśraya-Jayasimhavarman, the younger brother of Vikramāditya I. Contrary to the usual practice of the Gujarāt grants, this record is dated not in the Kalachuri era but in Śaka 653 and this fact suggests that the record really belongs not to the Lāṭa country but to the territory above the Ghāts in the direction of Nāsik and Khāndesh. This shows that Vijayāditya's power was acknowledged in the Nāsik District as late as A.D. 731. The failure, therefore, to mention the name of the reigning emperor in the Anjaneri grants indicates not so much the carelessness of the scribe or the draftsman of the record as the troublous times.

We do not know how long after the date of our inscription the Harischandra family continued to rule over Purī-kōṅkaṇa, but it seems certain that with the overthrow of the Western Chalukya power by the Rāshtrakūṭas the family of Svāmichandra suffered the same fate, for the Kanheri cave inscription of Śaka 765 (A.D. 843-44) states that the Śilāhāra chief Mahāsāmanta Pullaśakti was ruling over the whole of the Purī-kōṅkaṇa holding it through the favour of the Rāshtrakūṭa emperor Amōghavarsha. Pullaśakti's father, Kapardin I, seems to have founded the Śilāhāra family of north Kōṅkaṇa at the beginning of the ninth century. This is another reason to suppose that the Hariśchandra family ruled not later than the middle of the 8th century and ended with the fall of the Imperial Chalukyas.

The mention of the Krishnarāja rūpakas in the inscription is important. It shows that at the time of the Anjaneri plates there were in use in the Nāsik District silver coins named after Krishnarāja. There can be no doubt that this Krishnarāja was the famous Kalachuri emperor, whose son Śańkarana (Śańkaragana) issued the Sāńkhedā plate² of Śańtilla and whose coins were found not only in Dēvalanā in the Nāsik District but also in the islands of Bombay and Salsette. These bear the legend Paramamāhēśvara Krishnarāja and the figure of a bull.

The yātrā festival in honour of the god Vishņu mentioned in the inscription A is interesting. That it was held in the month of Mārgašīrsha is stated in l. 44 of grant A. Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit informs that the occurrence of a special festival in the bright fortnight of Mārgašīrsha is a peculiar feature in some parts of the Marāthā country. Thus among the Brāhmaṇas of Nāsik and Ahmadnagar there is a regular Navarātra festival in this month just as there is the usual festival in the month of Āśvina celebrated all over India. The sixth day of the fortnight is called Champā-shashthī which is particularly observed among the Dēšastha Brāhmaṇas. Most of the people above the Ghāts have as their tutelary deity Khaṇḍōba of Jejuri near Poona, to whom Champā-shashthī is sacred. Khaṇḍōba is a peculiar deity, perhaps originally equivalent to Skanda, but having quite independent characteristics such as a dog for a vāhana. It is very likely that the fair or festival referred to above dates back to the time of the present inscription.

The following localities are mentioned in grant A: Gōparāshṭra, Pūrva-Trikūṭa, Āmrarājī, Mairikā, Mahāgirihāra, Palla Āḍhamba[ka], Jayapura, Jayagrāma, Ambē-Avaṅgaṇa, Pālittapāṭaka, Kōkilākshaka, Kalahaka, Mradgāhitaka³,

¹ See J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 5.

² Above, Vol. II, pp. 23 f.

³ [See below p. 232, n. 2.—Ed.]

Kshēmagiraka. Annagrāma and Kallivana. The first six are stated to be vishayas or territorial divisions. The approximate situation of Goparāshtra can be known from the mention in the Nirpan plates referred to above, of a village named Balēgrāma as situated in the Goparāshtra-vishaya. Balēgrāma is no doubt to be identified with modern Belgaum-Taralha in the Igatpuri Taluka of the Nāsik District, Jayapura, where the temple of Nārāyana was situated, may be Jarvad Budrukh. 10 miles south-west of Anjaneri. Jayagrāma may be Jaikheda in the Dindori Taluka. Ambē-Avangana is Ambegaon, about 23 miles north-west of Nāsik; Kalahaka may be Kokangaon, 2 miles south-east of Jaikheda and Mradgāhitaka, Maganpara, 5 miles north-west of Jaikheda. Kallivana is undoubtedly Kalvan in the Nāsik District, which is also mentioned in some other grants of the period.

The localities mentioned in grant B are Samagiripattana, Chandrapuri, Ambayapallikā, Savāņēyapallikā, Maurēyapallikā and Karnsāripallikā, Samagiripattana cannotnew be traced, but it was probably situated near Chandrapuri with which it is coupled in the
present grant, and which is probably identical with Chandrachi Met, 12 miles south-west of
Anjaneri. Savāņēyapallikā may be Samundi, 5 miles north-east and Karnsāripallikā may be
Karholi or Karobayadi, 6 and 7 miles respectively east of Chandrachi Met. Maurēyapallikā
may be Morwadi, 3 miles south-west of Nāsiki.

Grant A.

TEXT.

First Plate.

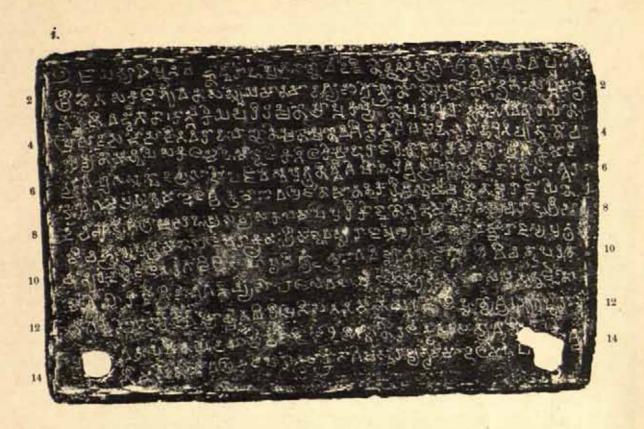
- गर्भाः [१*] जयत्याविष्कृतं विष्णार्व्वाराचं चीभितार्खवं(वम्) [१*] दिचणात्रतदंष्ट्रायवित्राः न्तभुवनं वपुः [॥] [१*]
- 2 त्रीमतां सकलभुवनसंस्त्यमानमानव्यसगीत्राणां सप्तलीकमाद्यमिः सप्तमादः
- 3 भिरभिवर्दितानां । कार्त्तिकयपरिरचणप्राप्तकत्वाणपरंपराणां भगवत्वारायण-
- 4 प्रसादसमासादितवराहलाञ्कनेचणचणवशीक्षताश्रवमहीस्तां हारीतीपुचाणां च-
- 5 लुक्यानामन्वयं सकलमहीमण्डलैकतिलको महाराजाधिराजपरमञ्जरः श्रीविक् मादि-
- 6 त्यवसभस्तत्पादप्रमादीपजीवी स्वपुचनिर्विगिषी इरियन्द्रवङ्गस्थानंकारभृतः(त)कार-
- 7 दुपगमप्रसवमगडलबन्द्रमा इव प्रजानामानन्दकारी योखामिचन्द्री नाम राजा येने-
- 8 दं चतुर्दश्रश्रामसङ्ग्रसंख्यं सकलमपि पुरीकीङ्गणं भुक्रमासीत् [।*] तस्य च राज्ञ[:*] श्रीस्ताः

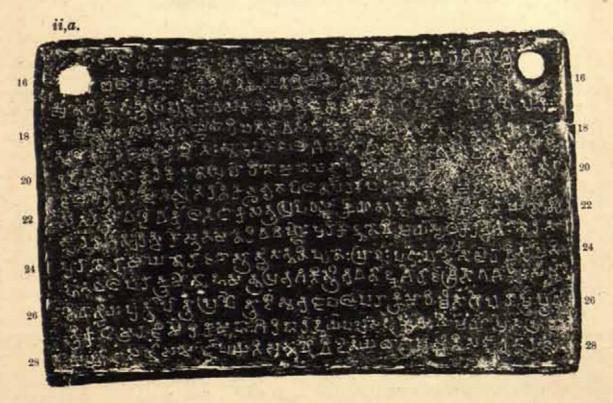
We have to thank Prof. V. V. Mirashi of the Nagpur University for suggesting the identification of most of the place names mentioned in the grants and also for making some valuable suggestions in the preparation of this article.

^{*} Expressed by a symbol,

¹ Danda unnecessary.

Two Grants of Prithivichandra Bhogasakti. (1). Grant A.





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- 9 मिचन्द्रस्य पुत्री महाबलपराक्रुमः श्रीसिङ्क्(सिंह)वर्माराजस्तस्यापि श्रीसिङ्क्(सिंह)वर्मा-राजस्य पुत्र[:] अस्ति स्वाप्ति स्वाप्ति स्वाप्ति स्वाप्ति स्वाप्ति स्वाप्ति स्वाप्ति
- 10 चतुरुद्धिजलतरंगालिङ्कितायां पृथिव्यां चन्द्र इव विख्याततेजा: पृथिवीचन्द्रापरना- 🕔
- 11 मधेयी राजा श्रीभीगश्रक्तियोंमी बाल एव पूर्वजन्माभ्यामेन खयं समुत्पनज्ञानी
- 12 भगवती वासुदेवस्थार्चनविधि प्रति सततमभियुक्ती ब्रह्मण्यस युधिष्ठिर इ- 💖 🗵
- 13 व नयविनयदयादानदाचिष्यादिभिर्माुगौरलंकतः सत्यवादी च
- 14 भीमसेन दव प्रकटपराक्रमाक्रांताग्रेषस्वराज्यभूमिमग्डली महाव[ल] ख

Second Plate; First Side.

- 15 अर्जुन इव जनाईनज्ञानीपदेशानुवर्त्ती समरविधिविशारदय
- 16 बल्देव इव नृत्तगीतहसितविलसितक्रीडासुखीपभीगतत्परः
- 17 चणं विकांतय प्रयुम्न दव सकलयुवतिजनमनी हरं वपुर्वारयनिष पर-
- 18 कलत्त्रनिस्पृत्तः वनवारण्यूयाधिपतिरिव सततमभिप्रवृत्तदानार्द्रीकृतकरः पद्मी-
- 19 त्यलकुमुद्रषण्डमण्डित: स्वादूदको जलाशय इव प्राणिनां तृष्णाविच्छेदकारी
- 20 उदितदिवसकरिकरणप्रवीधिती महापद्माकर इव श्रियी निवासभवनं
- 21 जलधिरिव रचितस्थितिरनेकभूभृत्पालनपरः परमगभौरी महासत्व(त्व)श्व
- 22 सततमेव देवकुलतटाकसच्चप्रपाधर्माक्रियानुष्ठानव्यसनी नारायणानु
- 23 स्मरणतत्परस । कीस्तुभमणिरिव विणीः पुरीकीङ्गणविषयस्यालंकारभूतः भारत-
- 24 पुराग्रामायग्राज्यास्त्रार्खतत्त्वनिपुगः प्राज्ञः पटुः पग्डितो मेधावी अप्रति-
- 25 हतबलपराक्रमोत्साहमन्त्रप्रभुणितस्त्रभुवनाङ्ग्री राजा यीभीगणितः सर्वा-
- 26 नेवासीयपुचपीचप्रपीचादी स्वभुजवलपराक्रमाधिष्ठितां गीपराष्ट्रपूर्व
- 27 चिकूटाम्बराजीमैरिकामहागिरिहारद्वयपन्नश्राटम्बकविषया
- 28 मर्खादां(दान्) मर्बां(र्वान्) समाज्ञापयित अस्तु वी विदितं यथा सृष्टिस्थितिसङ्घा-(मंहा)रकारणं

¹ Danda unnecessary. 2 Read -prapauttr-ādīn. 5 Read odhishthitān.

⁴ [Reading seems to be Palluāḍhambaka-vishayām(yān) Prētahradā-maryyādām(dān). In I. 39 the first name is read as Pallūḍhamba.—Ed.]

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- 29 देवातिदेवं सरासरगर्क भगवंतं वासदेवं मळा नान्या विशिष्टदेवतास्ती-
- 30 ति मत्वा जयपरे भौगेष्वरप्रतिष्ठिताय प्राणप्रकाय प्रमात्मने भगव-
- 31 ते नारायणाय गन्धपृष्यधपदीपसन्मा(म्मा)र्ज्जनीपलेपनिक्रयार्थे नृत्तगीतवादी-
- पेतसंगीतकार्टं सत्रार्टं खण्डस्फ्टितसंस्कारार्टं च [1] मातापिचारात्मनय पुण्य-
- वृद्धये अष्टी ग्रामा ग्राटानानि च प्रतिपादितानि [1] तेषात्रामानि जयग्रामः ग्रस्वे-
- 34 अवङ्गां [۱] पालित्तपाटकः कीकिलाचकं कलहकः स्नद्राहितकः चेस-
- गिरक: त्रानगामय [1] त्रादानानि [1] त्रापणेषु त्रावारा: करणे कीवेरं [1] मार्खविच चेष
- प्रवेश निर्माम च प्रत्येकं रूपकः देवस्य याचीत्रके दातव्यं [1] गीपराष्ट्रास्त्रराजीसै-
- व्यपि ग्रामेष [।] पूर्व्वत्तिकुटविषये कणाराजक्ष्यक्यतं १०० [।] महागिरिहारे अपरे
- क्रण्याज्ञक्यक्रमतद्वयं २०० पूर्वे ग्रतं १०० पद्मुढम्बविषये पञ्चाग्रत ५०
- ये चाष्टी ग्रामास्ते सर्व्वादानविष्टिप्रातिभेदिकापरिहीणाः श्रचाटभटप्रवेश्याः
- अभ्यंतरमिडिका: आचन्द्राक्कोर्स्सविचितिस्थितिसमकालीना: य-

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- तस्तस्मादसादंश्यैः प्रवलपवनप्रेरितोद्धिजलतरंगचंचलं
- जीवलीकमवलीका अयमस्महायीनुमंतव्यः पालयितव्यस [1] 43
- विणिग्भि पंचिभिर्दशभिरिप नगरधर्मामवलंब्य मार्गशीर्षमासस्य पन्नमास्र
- देवस्य विश्णीर्याच्योत्त्रात्मवस्मारयितव्यः [।*] यी वाज्ञानितिमरावृतमितराच्छिन्धादा-
- 46 च्छिद्यमानं वानुमोदेत स पञ्चभिक्षं हापातकैसांयुक्त[:*] स्थात् [।*] यदेतहे-

A figure of a boar is engraved here. ² [Reading seems to be Mudga".—Ed.] * [Reading is mūļakah. See below p. 235, n. 3.—Ed.]

- 47 वक्कलं तद्वणिङ्गराय निरूपितं तैश्व सर्वेंदर्भगवती देवस्य ग्रुश्रवा यीगचेम-
- 48 च वीढव्य: [1*] नगरस्य च स्थितिर्ज्ञिस्थित [1] ये स्थानवासिनो वाणिजकास्तेषां ग्रस्कं जैमकी
- 49 वा कदाचिदिप नास्ति। य एतां स्थितिं भिनत्ति स पञ्चभिक्षेहापातकै[:*] संयुक्त[:*] स्थादिति ।
- 50 षष्टिं वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गों मीदित भूमिदः [।*] श्राच्छेता चानुमन्ता च तान्धेव नरके वसेत् ॥ [२*]
- 51 पूर्वदत्तां दिजातिस्थी यबाद्रच युधि¹ष्ठिर । महीं मितमतां श्रेष्ठ दानाच्छेयीनुपा-लनं(नम्) [॥] [३*]
- 52 बहुभिर्व्वसुधा भुक्ता राजभिस्तगरादिभि: [1*] यस्य यस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(लम्) ॥[8*]
- 53 विध्याटवीष्वतीयासु ग्रुष्ककीटरवासिन: [۱*] क्षणाइयी हि जायंते भूमिदायं इरंति ये ॥[५*]
- 54 संवसरशतचतुष्टये एकषष्ट्यधिके ४०० ६० १ शासनं लिखितं किन्निवन-
- 55 वास्तव्येन भरतस्वामिना ॥

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- 1 ग्रीं स्वस्ति श्रीतेजवर्माराज्ञा(राजेन) जयपुरस्य दक्षिणायां(णस्यां)
- 2 दिशि पालित्तपाटको गोप्रचारी मुक्त: [।*] तस्य च प्र-
- 3 माणं चतुर्दिच दुर्गादेवि(वी)सिहता[:*] ग्रैलिमा गावी स्थापिता[:।*] सीम-
- 4 स्व⁸ तदेव प्रमा⁴णं [1*] तस्य गीपचारस्यार्थे भोगेखरदेवस्य भूमिनि-
- 5 ष्ट्रायार्थं जयपुरवणिङ्गागरस्य रूपकशतं⁵ दत्तं तस्य च रूपक
- 6 ग्रतस्य वृद्धिः गुगुलमूत्वं भीगेश्वरदेवस्य वर्षप्रतिवर्षे
- 7 नगरेण यावदाचन्द्रार्कतारकं दातव्यं यी वास्या-
- 8 न्युया कर्ष्यति⁶ स पञ्चभिर्माहापातकैसंयुक्ती भ-
- 9 विष्यति ॥

¹ Dhi which was first omitted is written below the line in smaller character.

² Expressed by a symbol. ³ Read sīmnah or sīmāyāh.

Mā which was at first omitted, is written below this line.

⁵ Tam was at first omitted and then written below the line.

⁶ Read karishyati.

TRANSLATION.

(Verse 1) Om. Victorious is the form of Vishnu manifesting itself as the boar, which troubled the ocean and which had the earth resting upon the tip of its up-lifted right tusk.

(Ll. 2-6) In the family of the illustrious Chalukyas who belong to the Mānavya gōtra praised over the whole world; who have been nourished by the seven mothers, the mothers of the seven worlds; who have attained an uninterrupted continuation of prosperity through the protection of (the god) Kārttikēya; who subjugated all the kings in an instant at (their having) a sight of the boar-insignia which was acquired through the favour of the lord Nārāyaṇa; and who are the descendants of Hārtti—(was born) the Mahārājādhirāja Paramēšvara, the illustrious Vikramāditya Vallabha, the sole forehead mark (tilakā) of the whole earth.

(Ll. 6-28) Living upon the favour of his (Vikramaditya's) feet and being unto him like his own son, was the illustrious king named Svamichandra, who was an ornament of the Harrischandra family, who delighted his subjects like the autumual bright full moon and who enjoyed (the possession of) the entire Puri-konkana consisting of fourteen thousand villages. The son of this king Svämichandra was the illustrious king Simhavarman, who was great in strength and prowess. And this illustrious king Simhavarman's son was the illustrious king Bhôgasakti also known as Prithivichandra whose glory like that of the moon is resplendent on the earth embraced by the waves of the four oceans; who even as a child, was imbued with inborn knowledge acquired by constant application in his previous births; who is over engaged in the worship of the god Vasudeva, and is well versed in the sacred lore; who like Yudhishthira is adorned with the virtues such as justice, modesty, compassion, charity, courtesy, etc., and is also truthful; who like Bhimasena is a great hero and has filled the circle of his entire kingdom by his manifest prowess; who like Arjuna is adept in the art of war and is a follower of the teachings of Krishna; who like Baladeva is given to the enjoyment of dance, music, merrymaking, flirtation and sports and (at the same time) would be heroic in a moment! who, though endowed like Pradyumna with a physique which attracted the hearts of all damsels, has no desire for the wives of others; whose (right) hand, like the trunk of the leader of wild elephants wet with the incessant flow of ichor, is moistened on account of his being constantly engaged in performing charities; who quenches the thirst of beings like a pond of sweet water adorned by multitudes of lotuses and lilies; who is the abode of splendour like a large tank of lotuses blossomed by the rays of the rising sun; who like the ocean is steadfast, is the protector of numerous kings and is profound and noble as the ocean is used to keep within its boundary, protects numerous mountains (in its depth), is profound in depth and contains large (aquatic) animals; who is ever eager to perform acts of charity such as (the construction and endowment of) temples, tanks, free kitchen and water stalls; who is given to the contemplation of Nārāyaņa; who is the ornament of the Puri-konkaņa vishaya as the Kaustubha gem is of Vishnu; who is skilled in (ascertaining) the real import of the Mahabharata, the Purasus, the Rāmāyana and in king-craft; who is wise, sagacious, learned and intelligent; who is endowed with irresistible strength, valour and (the attributes of) utsahasakti, prabhusakti and mantrasakti; who is the goad of the three worlds (Tribhavanānkaśa)—the same illustrious king Bhogaśakti commands all his sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, etc., placed in charge of the vishayas of Goparāshtra, castern Trikūţa, Amrarāji, Mairikā, two Mahāgirihāras and Palla Ādhamba-[ka] which have been acquired by the prowess of his arms (and all others)2;

¹ If Lishnamic is taken in the sense of happiness then this phrase might be translated as " who had conquered (i.e., acquired complete possession of) happiness."

^{2 [1} would translate II. 25-28 as follows:—'Bhōgašakti commands all his sons, etc., and all the districts of Goparashtra, etc., upto the boundary of Prētahradā, which were conquered by the prowess of his own arms and courage '.—Ed.]

(I.l. 28-19) "Be it known to you that having recognised that no other pre-eniment deity excepting the god Vasudeva who is the cause of creation, preservation and destruction, who is the supreme god, and who is the god of gods and demons, I have made to the god Nārāyaṇa, the Primeval Being and the supreme spirit, installed by Bhogesvara in (the town of) Jayapura, in order to augment the merits of my parents and myself, an endowment of eight villages together with the taxes thereof so as to provide (at the temple) for perfume, flowers, incense, light, ablutions and unguents and also for dance, youal and instrumental music, free kitchen, repairs and upkeep. The names of these (villages) are Jayagrāma, Ambē-Avangaņa, Pālittapāṭaka, Kokilākshaka, Kalahaka, Mradgāhitaka, Kshēmagiraka and Annagrāma. As to the taxes, the stall tax is to be levied in the market places, a rupee each is to be paid on the occasion of the god's yatra at the entry and exit of each caravan of merchandise. Mutakasi (handfuls) of corn and Schikasi of ghee are to be levied from (every house in) the principal village of each of the vishayas of Goparashtra, Amraraji and Mairika, and in like manner from other villages too. (Taxes to be collected in cash are) 100 one hundred Krishnaraja rupees from the vishaya of eastern Trikūta; 200 two hundred Krishnarāja rupees from the western Mahāgirihāra and 100 one hundred from the eastern one; and 50 fifty Krishnaraja rupees from the vishaya of Palludhamba. (In consideration of the above) these eight villages have been exempted from all kinds of taxes, forced labour and vexatious interference; they are not to be entered by the regular or irregular troops (and) they are to enjoy rights over wealth underground. This grant shall last as long as the moon, the sun, the oceans and the earth endure. Therefore, viewing the world as unsteady as the waves of the sea ruffled by a strong wind, this grant of ours is to be upheld and maintained by our descendants. The yatra festival of the god Vishnu should be arranged by (a committee of) five or ten merchants for a whole fortnight in the month of Margasirsha in accordance with the established custom of the town. Whoever, blinded by the darkness of ignorance, shall confiscate or assent to confiscation (of the grant) he shall be guilty of the five great sins. Since this temple has been entrusted to (the care of) the town merchants, on them shall devolve the proper worship and service of the divine Lord. And the following town convention is laid down. The local merchants shall, for ever, be immune from customs duties and feeding expenses (of officers on duty). Whoever shall violate this convention, shall be guilty of the five great sins."

(Ll. 50-53) [Here are four of the usual imprecatory verses.]

This grant was written by Bharatasvāmin, an inhabitant of Kallivana in the year 461 (expressed both in words and in figures),

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(Ll. 1-9) Om hail. The king Tejavarman has given a free grazing ground (within the limits of the village) Palittapataka situated to the south of Jayapura. For the demarcation thereof along with (the temple of) the goddess Durga stone sculptures of cows have been set up on all four sides. That is the measure of its extent. In order to compensate for the land belonging to

¹ This term is still used in Maharashtra.

^{*} Might be a small measure such as a ladle or a derivative from suktika or mother-of-pearl.

I would translate the passage as follows ;- One load (of coru) and one schike of ghee from the principal village of the districts of Goparashtra, etc., and in the same proportion from the other villages also,' I would connect mataka, which seems to be the reading here, with the word muta or moja (Hindt mojh) meaning a bundle or ' provision bag'. Stills is apparently connected with stills of the Paragas which is equivalent to 4 palas or approximately 14 toles. See Edward Thomas-Ancient Indian Weights, p. 26. I am, however, unable to suggest any meaning for korers in l. 35 .- Ed.

Bhōgēśvaradēva now converted into a pasture, one hundred rupees have been deposited with the merchant guild of Jayapura. And from the interest of this one hundred rupees should be met, year after year, the cost of guggula for the (warship of the) god Bhōgēśvara until the sun, moon and stars endure. Whosoever shall interfere with this shall be possessed with the five great sins.

Grant B.

TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 श्रीं जयत्याविष्कृतं विष्णीर्वाराहं चीभिततार्स्यवं(वम्) [1*] दचिणीवत[दं]द्राय-
- 2 विश्वान्तभुवनं वपु: [॥१*] श्रीमतां सकलभुवनसंस्तूयमानमानमान-
- 3 व्यसगोचाणां सप्तलीकमाद्यभिसप्तमाद्यभिर्भविर्दितानां कार्त्तिक-
- 4 यपरिरच्चणप्राप्तकल्याणपरंपराणां भगवन्नारायणप्रसादस-
- 5 मासादितवराइलांछनेचणचणवशीकताश्रेषमहीस्तां हारीतीपुचा-
- 6 गां चलुक्यानामन्वये सकलमहीमग्डलैकतिलकी महाराजाधिराजपर-
- 7 मेम्बरश्रीविक्रमादित्यवन्नभस्तत्पादप्रसादीपजीवी स्वपुत्रनिर्व्विशेषी
- 8 इरियन्द्रवंग्रस्थालंकारभूतः ग्ररदुपगमप्रमन्नमण्डलयन्द्रमा दव प्र-
- 9 जानामानन्दकारी श्रीस्नामिचन्द्री नाम राजा येनेदं चतुर्दश्रग्रामसङ्ख-
- 10 संख्यं सकलम्(म)पि पुरीकींकणं भुक्तमासीत् [।*] तस्य च राजः श्रीस्वामि-चंद्रस्य
- 11 पुत्री महाबलपराक्रम[:*] श्रीसिङ्क्(सिंह)वर्ध्वराजस्तस्थापि श्रीसिङ्क्(सिंह)वर्ध्वराजस्य
- 12 पुचयतुरुद्धिजलतरंगालिंगितायां पृथिव्यां चन्द्र इव

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- 13 विख्याततेजा[:*] पृथिवीचन्द्रापरनामधेयी राजा श्रीभीगश्रक्तिः योसी बाल
- 14 एव पूर्वजन्माभ्यासेन खयं समुत्पन्नज्ञानी भगवती वासुदेवस्थार्ज्ञनवि-
- 15 विं प्रति सततमभियुक्ती ब्रह्मख्य युधिष्ठिर इव नयविनयदयादानदाचि-
- 16 खादिभि[र्मु] णैरलंकतसात्यवादी च भीमसेन इव प्रकटपराकुमाकुन्ताभेषस्वरा-
- 17 ज्यभूमिमंडली महाबलय त्रर्जुन इव जनाईनज्ञानीपदेशवर्त्ती समरविधिविशा-
- 18 रदश बलदेव इव तृत्तगीतहसितविलसितक्रीडासुखीपभीगतत्परः चणं वि-
- 19 कृांतस प्रयुक्त इव सकलयुवितजनमनी हरं वपुर्वारयन्ति परकलचिन-
- 20 स्पृष्ठः वनवारणयूथाधिपतिरिव सततमभिप्रवृत्तदानाद्रीकृतकरः पद्मी[त्पल]-

¹ Expressed by a symbol.

² One mana is redundant.

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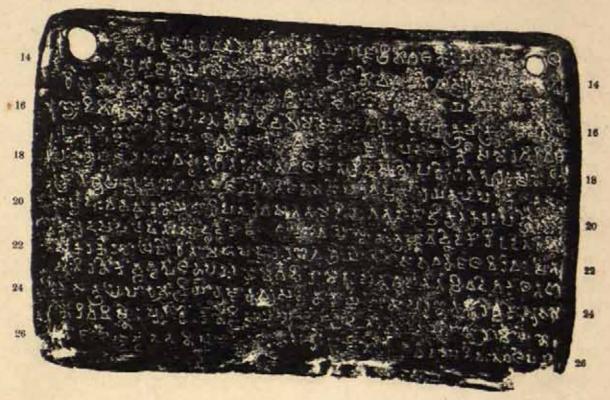


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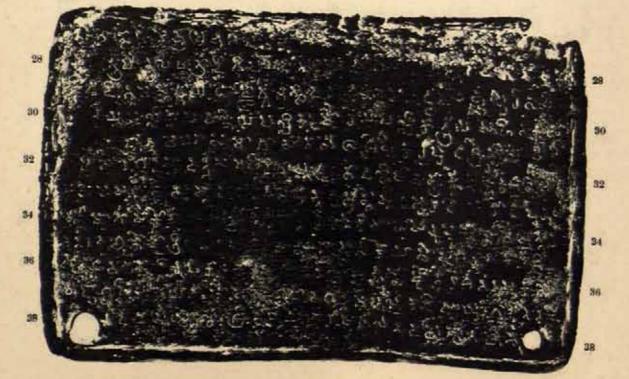


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- [कं(कु)]मुदषंडमंडित: स्वादूदकी जलाशय इव प्राणिनां त्रणाविच्छेदकारी उदितदिव-
- सकरिकरणप्रवीधितो महापद्माकर इव श्रियी निवासभवनं जलवि(धि)रिव रिचत-
- स्थितिरनेकभूभृत्यालनपरः परमगंभीरी महासत्व(त्व) सततमेव देवकुलतटा-23
- कसत्त्रप्रपाधर्माकियानुष्ठानव्यसनी नारायणानुस्मरणतत्पर्य कीस्तुभम-24
- णिरिव विष्णीः पुरीकींकणविषयस्थालंकारभूतः भारतपुराणरामायण-25
- राजशास्त्रार्श्वतत्व(त्व)निपुणः प्राज्ञः पटुः पण्डितो मेधावी अप्रतिहतवलपरा-

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- [कुमो]त्साहमन्त्रप्रभुशितिस्त्रभुवन[ाङ्गुशो] [राजा भोगश्रक्ति: सर्व्वानेवात्मी*]-1 27
- यपुत्रपौत्रप्रपौत्रादीं(दीन्) विषयपतिग्रामभौगिकम[इ]त्तरा[दीं(दीन्) समाचापय]-2 28
- ति विदितमस्तु वी यथा पूर्व्वमुत्सादितं [म]मगिरिपदृनं चन्द्रपुरीसिह[तं] 29
- [ग्र*]स्वय पित्रकास[वा] णेयपित्रकामी रेयपित्रकाच्यसिहतं कंसा-
- रिपक्किका च मया समावासितं एलश्रेष्ठिकरपुटश्रेष्ठिप्रसुख-31
- समस्तनगरस्य दत्तं समगिरिवास्तव्यानां विण्जां चन्द्रार्क्षकालिकं ग्रुलकमादी(दे)-
- [1*] अपरं च अपचधनं न्ना(ना)स्ति नास्ति समस्तराज्ये 33 राजपुरुषा-
- गामावासकी जेमकच एतन्नास्ति [।*] कुमारीसाइसे रूपकाणामष्टीत्तर-
- ग्रतं । संग्रह[†]णे दाविंग्रतिरूपकाः कर्म्यवीडणिकायां षीडग्र रूपकाः ग्रिर-
- स्मीटने चत्वारि रूपकाः भारिकायां विण्वपुत्रस्थाष्टीत्तरशतं
- नक्ने ग्रहीतस्य यचाष्टी षोडश वा नगरमहज्ञका विचार्य्य वदंते तदे
- तदेव प्रमाणं [॥*] श्रीतेजवर्माराजेन एतदनुष्ठितमिति

TRANSLATION.

(Ll. 1-28) [Common with Grant A.]

(Ll. 29-38) "Be it known to you that the deserted lands comprised within the township of Samagiri along with Chandrapuri and the three hamlets of Ambayapallikā, Savāņēyapallikā and Maurēyapallikā as well as Karnsāripallikā have been recolonised by me and vested in the town council headed by the merchants Ela and Karaputa. The merchants residing in Samagiri (pattana) shall, for ever, be exempt from the payment of custom duties throughout the kingdom; their property shall not escheat to the state in the absence of a male heir; nor (shall they pay registration fee) owing to partition of joint property? and they shall not have to provide

¹ This portion within square brackets is completely effaced and the reading is restored from Grant A.

² This portion within square brackets is badly corroded and hardly any letter is visible.

⁴ Ha is written below the line. Reading seems to be [A]mmeya.—Ed.]

^{6 [}See above, n. 3.-Ed.]

⁵ Tadé is redundant. 7 Rao Bahadur K. N. Dikshit informs me that umbara (derived from Skt, udumbara) wood is still used for the door sill in Mahārāshtra and that therefore the sense is partition of the joint family property.

accommodation or provisions to the state officials. (The town council is also empowered to levy the following fines :--) Rupees one hundred and eight for outraging the modesty of a virgin; rupees thrity-two for adultery; rupees sixteen for the mutilation of ear; rupees four for bruising the head; rupees one hundred and eight if a merchant's son is found to have illicit connection with a female porter; and should one be caught in the actual act of adultery whatever eight or sixteen elders of the town council shall determine that shall be final. This has been promulgated by the illustrious king Tējavarman.

No. 23.—A NOTE ON THE RAGOLU PLATES OF SAKTIVARMAN AND THE CHALUKYAN CONQUEST OF KALINGA.

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The inscription on these plates has been published by Dr. Hultzsch in Epigraphia Indica, Vol. XII, pages 1 ff. In the spring of 1922, when I happened to visit Jeypore (Vizagapatam District, Madras Presidency), the owner of the plates, M. R. Ry. G. Ramdas Pantulu, B.A., offered them for sale to the Government. They have been subsequently bought and deposited in the Government Museum, Madras.

One important point to note in connection with this record is that in line 4 Dr. Hultzsch reads samanvagatān-tahapatitan. I may suggest that a more correct reading would be samanvagatan=grihapatikan. This could be read clearly on the original plates and the facsimile plategiven also shows the reading. It may be noted that in this inscription the subscript letter ta has the shape of an inverted narrow cup with unequal arms and carries with it a small upward stroke in the centre of the top with which it is joined to the main letter. For example, see the letters sta in the expression parihritas=tao in l. 10, tta in -pravrittaya in line 11 and nta in the expression ch-anumanta in 1. 20. On the other hand, the subscript letter ga being of the same shape is broader and has equal arms unlike ta. Moreover, ga generally bears no stroke on the top though in a few cases when it is attached to the main letter above, such a stroke is formed by the upward extension of the proper left arm; see Kalingadhipati (l. 1), Kalinga-vishayē (l. 3), and svargge (l. 19). The sign for ri of gri is partly damaged in the facsimile plate. It is likely that being close to the slightly raised margin, it has not come off clearly enough in the ink impression. But it is not totally invisible on the facsimile plate. The existing traces may be compared with that of vri in vriddhayē in I. 6 and that of hri in parihrita in I. 10. As for the letterka of the expression it is quite clear on the facsimile plate as well as on the original. The suggested reading suits the context much better than the existing one with the proposed emendation.

The word grihapati or grihapatika ('a householder') occurs in many Prākrit inscriptions as the attribute of a donor or a relative of a donor under the Prākrit form gahapati or gahapatika.1 In one or two cases kudubika (Sanskrit kutumbika) i.e. householder and kutumbini (wife of a householder) are also mentioned.2 In the Eastern Chāļukya copper-plates the royal order of gift is invariably addressed to the kutumbins of the granted village, to whom the grihapatikas of the Rāgōlu plates correspond.

It is interesting to note that the grant was issued by the early king Saktivarman of the Kalinga country from Pishṭapura which was also famous as the capital of king Mahēndra whom Samudragupta conquered with many other kings of the Dakshinapatha. Barring this, the men-

¹ Lüders' List of Brahmi Inscriptions (above , Vol. X, Appendix) and above, Vol. XIV, pp. 154 and 155.

² Lüders' List, Nos. 1121 and 1127.

tion of the place in the Ragolu plates would be the earliest and the first in a copper-plate record in point of time which, judging from the characters of the plates, may be said to be about the 4th century A.D. The late Rao Bahadur Krishna Sastri was of the opinion that it was even earlier—some time even prior to Samudragupta. The subsequent mention of the place is in the Aihole inscription of the early Chālukya king, Pulikēśin II,1 which refers to the Chālukya capture of Pishtapura, i.e., the Chālukya conquest of the Kalinga country. These events must have happened before Saka 556 (=A.D. 634-35) which is the date of the last mentioned inscription. It is therefore reasonable to infer that the Chalukya conquest of Kalinga by the capture of Pishtapura, must have happened in or before the year A.D. 634. Pishtapura subsequently became the provincial or independent seat (vāsaka) of Vishņuvardhana who, with the title Mahārāja, issued the Timmāpuram plates from this city.2 This record with the Chipurupalle plates of this same king issued in his 18th regnal year3 would tend to show that the Kalinga country was under the Eastern Chāļukyas from this period.

The discovery of the copper-plate inscriptions of the later kings of the Eastern Chāļukya dynasty, viz., Kokkilivarma-Mahārāja (A.D. 709) so far north as the village Muñjēru in the Bimlipatam Taluk of the Vizagapatam District, the mention therein of the Madhyama-Kalinga country in which the village granted by the king was situated, together with the mention of Elamañchili (the modern Yellamañchili in the Sarvasiddhi Taluk of the same District) as the vāsaka (residence) of the king4 show that the Chāļukya dominion in the Kalinga country continued to last even up to the beginning of the eighth century A.D. In the same tract of country has been found a copper-plate grant of his son Mangi II5. A grant of the later Chāļukya king Bhima I (A.D. 888-918) also records the gift of a village in the Elamañchili-Kalingadesa and Dēvarāshtra⁵. These records go to prove that the Chālukya kingdom in the Kalinga country lasted even down to the beginning of the 10th century A.D. The Chalukyan authority here seems to have been opposed for a time after the close of the first quarter of the 10th century A.D., since we are told in an unpublished copper-plate grant of Amma II' that after the short reign of Vikramāditya II (A.D. 925-926) who was killed and succeeded by Yuddhamalla II whose reign lasted for seven years (i.e., A.D. 927-934), the feudatory Sabara chiefs, the commanders of the Vallabha (i.e. Rāshṭrakūṭa) forces and others rebelled and apportioned among themselves the northern Chāļukyan territory for seven years. We may here infer that the revolution and usurpation in the Kalinga country occurred in and lasted throughout the seven years' rule of Yuddhamalla II. The recalcitrant feudatories and their allies who had usurped authority were driven away by Chāļukya-Bhīma II who recovered the Kalinga country and ruled over the entire Chāļukya kingdom for 12 years. The troubles in the Kalinga country did not end here but again recurred in the time of Amma II (the son of Chāļukya-Bhīma II), who after reigning for 11 years had to proceed to the Kalinga country in wrath against Krishna (probably Rāshṭrakūṭa Krishna III)8 who was evidently interested in fomenting trouble against the Chālukyas in the Kalinga country. We may conclude that the Chalukya dominion in the Kalinga country practically came to an end or at least grew very weak about or after A.D. 950. Taking A.D. 633 as the probable year of the Chāļukya conquest of Kalinga as stated at first we may say that the Chāļukyan dominion in the Kalinga country lasted roughly for three centuries.

¹ Above, Vol. VI, p. 11.

³ Ind. Ant., Vol. XX, p. 16.

⁴ Madras Epigraphical Report for 1909, p. 105.

⁷ Ibid., 1917, p. 117.

² Ibid., Vol. IX, p. 317.

⁶ Ibid., p. 106.

⁸ Ibid.

No. 24.-A NOTE ON THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE GANGAS OF SVETAKA.

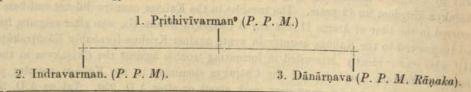
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It has already been pointed out¹ that the Ganga rulers who issued their charters from Śvētaka most probably consitute a separate branch of the Eastern Gangas, but that sufficient data are not yet available for determining the chronology of these kings.² In this note an attempt is made to fix the chronological position of at least three of the so far known kings of this branch.

It may readily be recognised that Bhaṭṭaputra Durgakhaṇḍin, son of Bhaṭṭa Bōdhana, of the Vatsa gōtra and the Chhāndōga charaṇa, the donee in the Badakhimedi copper-plates of Indravarman,³ is identical with Bhaṭṭa Durgakhaṇḍika, the donee of Dānārṇava's grant,⁴ coming likewise from the Badakhimedi Estate,⁵ as the name of the donee's father, gōtra and charaṇa in the latter record are the same as in the former. However, the grantor in the first instance is Indravarman, while in the second it is Dānārṇava. Next, it may be observed that both of them are stated to be sons of Pṛithivīvarman. Since both the records are issued from Śvētaka and in both of them one and the same person figures as the donee, the natural conclusion is that the donors Indravarman and Dānārṇava are not far removed from each other in point of time. And when we further know that the name of the donor's father in each case is the same we can safely infer that both Indravarman and Dānārṇava were brothers and that both of them ruled⁵ in succession. However, the question remains as to who was the elder or who preceded on the throne. Luckily we possess a piece of evidence to decide this issue as well.

The names of the writer and the engraver of Indravarman's charter are given respectively as Samdhivigrahin Śrīsāmanta and kamsāra-kulaputraka śrēshthin Śrīsāmanta Svayambhu. Both these persons figure likewise as the writer and the engraver respectively in the Ganjām plates of Prithivīvarman. This Prithivīvarman must, therefore, be identical with Indravarman's father, as has been indicated by Mr. P. N. Bhattacharya. The presumption here is naturally this that the persons employed by the father as writer and engraver continued to function as such in the son's regime after the father's death. From this we may also infer that Indravarman was the immediate successor of Prithivīvarman. This inference is confirmed by the fact that the writer and the engraver of Dānārṇava's grant are different persons and not those who served under Prithivīvarman and Indravarman. Thus we may conclude that Indravarman was elder than and preceded Dānārṇava.

This part of the chronology will thus be determined as follows :-



¹ Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 131.

³ Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 78.

⁵ Ibid., Vol. XXIV, p. 129.

² Ibld., p. 133.

⁴ Ibid., p. 264.

⁶ Both Indravarman and Dānārṇava bear, like their father, the imperial title of Paramēśvara-Paramabhaṭṭāraka-Mahārājādhirāja, though curiously enough Dānārṇava bears an additional title of Rāṇaka, too, which fact makes it rather doubtful whether he came to the throne at all.

⁷ Ibid., Vol. IV, p. 201.

⁸ Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 79.

⁹ He is stated to be son of Mahindravarman, whose identity is not certain.

No. 25.—CHARALA PLATES OF VIRARAJENDRADEVA: SAKA 991.

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The present plates are stated to have been discovered in 1935 by one Narasā Reddi, a resident of Chārāla in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, while he was removing earth from a manure-pit in his garden. The whereabouts of the plates could not however be immediately traced, but with the assistance of Rao Saheb Totadri Ayyangar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, who was then in charge of the Tirupati Division, they were finally located and secured on loan for examination. They have since been purchased by Government and are now deposited in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. We edit the plates from the ink-impressions prepared in the office of the Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras.

The set consists of seven oblong copper-plates with raised rims, each measuring 9" by 4", and strung together on a ring 4" in diameter, passing through a ring-hole at the left margin of the plates. The ends of the ring are soldered to the bottom of a flat circular seal 33" in diameter and 1" in thickness. The different leaves of the set do not bear serial numbers engraved near the ringhole. The plates weigh 154 tolas and the ring and seal together weigh 57 tolas.

The seal bears in relief from left to right the figures of (1) a lamp-stand, (2) a tiger seated on its haunches facing the proper left and with its tail tucked up between its legs and rising in front up to the neck, (3) a pair of fish in the vertical position, and (4) a lamp-stand. Canopying the fish and the tiger is a tasselled parasol, flanked on either side by a chauri.2 Below this group is shown a bow curving upwards and with the bow-string in position. All round the margin of the seal is engraved in raised Grantha characters, which are somewhat obliterated in places, the following Sanskrit verse3 in the Anushtubh metre stating that the charter was issued by king Vîrarājēndra:

Viśvair-vviśvambharādhīśair=[nnanditair]-vandita[m=ida]m [|*] Šāsanam Vīrarājēndra-Rājakēsarivarmmaņah [||*]

All the plates have writing on both their sides except the first one, which bears writing on one side only. Each fully written side has, on an average, about 18 lines in the Sanskrit portion and 15 in the Tamil; and the complete record consists of 211 lines. The writing is in a good state of preservation. The languages used are Sanskrit for the prasasti and genealogical preamble of the inscription which is of considerable length running up to 81 numbered verses, and the rāja-bhāshāt Tamil for the documentary portion. The alphabets employed are respectively Grantha and Tamil characters attributable to the 11th century A.D. The Grantha letters are well shaped and cleanly cut, but the Tamil letters exhibit a slight carelessness in execution.

The inscription engraved on these plates is dated in Saka 991, Saumya and the 7th year of the Chōla king Rājakēsarivarman Vīrarājēndradēva and registers the royal gift of the village Chērām⁵ alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam in Puli-nādu made from

Registered as C. P. No. 1 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1937-38.

² The chauri and umbrella appear to have been intended as honorific emblems. These are also found on the top of an inscription of Parantaka I at Pillaipäkkam (No. 176 of 1929-30 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection) and also on the top of images of gods in niches in early Chôla temples.

³ This verse is repeated in lines 189-191 of the text.

⁴ The Punganur taluk where the plates were discovered was the border between the territories, whose spoken languages were Kannada, Telugu and Tamil, and inscriptions in all these languages are found in this locality. Tamil being the court-language of the Chōla kings, the documentary portion, which was drafted by a Chōla officer, was couched in that language.

⁵ The form of the name is somewhat peculiar, without the 'village'-suffix, like Buddham, etc.

Kānchīpuram, to three Brahmans named Sō(Śrō)triya-Kramavittan, Mundaya-Kramavittan and Pallaya-Kramavittan of the Ātrēya-gōtra and Bahudhānya (Bōdhāyana)-sūtra and of the lineage of a certain Rishīkēśava (Hṛishīkēśa)-Bhaṭṭa of Chērām, on the occasion of the Uttarā-yaṇa-Saṅkrānti. This document is of interest as being the first copper-plate charter of this king.

For a study of Chōla seals¹ we have so far five specimens and the one attached to the present plates, therefore, forms a useful addition. Of these, the seals attached to the two sets of Leiden plates, Madras Museum, Anbil and the present Chārāla plates, have the same objects represented on them, while the seal of the Tiruvālaṅgāḍu plates exhibits a few more emblems. In shape, however, the two Leiden seals are slightly more ornate, being lotus-like in shape, while the rest are circular; but this may be due only to a difference in the work of the designer. In the Chārāla seal the Chōla emblem, the tiger², is seated in the proper right side and facing towards the left, instead of the right as in the other cases. The animal is delineated with claws drawn out, leaving no room for doubt as to its identity, and the two fish are also clearly portrayed. But in point of finish and neatness of execution, the two Leiden seals are the best. The tiger, the pair of fish and the bow are well-known emblems of the Chōla, Pāṇḍya and Chēra dynasties respectively, and the juxta-

(a) Sundara-Chola-

Śaśvat(d)-viśvambharā-nētram Lakshmī-jaya-[sa*]rōruham | śāsanam śāśvatam śrīmad-Rājakēsarivarmmaṇa[h*] ||

-(Anbil Plates),

(b) Uttama-Chola-

Nyāyānām śāsanam kurvat=šāsanam chakrabhūbhritā | śāsanam bhūpatēr=ētat Parakēsrivarmmaņah |

-(Madras Museum Plates).

(c) Rājarāja I-

A stone record of this king opens with the following verse, which is likely to be found engraved on the seals of his copper-plate grants.

Etat višva-nripa-šrēni-mauļi-māl-opalāļitam | sāsanam Rājarājasya Rājakēsarivarmmaņah |

-(S.I.I., Vol. II, No. 1).

(d) Rājēndra-Chōļa-

Rājad-rājanya-makuṭa-śrēṇi-ratnēshu śāsanam ţ ētad=Rājēndra-Chōļasya Parakēsarivarmmaṇaḥ ||

—(Tiruvālangādu Plates).

The seal of the larger Leiden plates has also this verse engraved on it. On the analogy of the form of the legend of the present seal which is also reproduced in il. 189 to 191 of the text and the fact that legends on circular seals have probably to be read clockwise beginning from the centre of the top, the two lines of the verse given above, Vol. XXII, p. 213, have to be interchanged.

(e) Kulottunga-Chola-

Punyam kshōṇīśvara-sabhā-chūdā-ratnāya śāsanam śrī-Kulōttuṅga-Chōļasya Rājakēsarivarmmanah

-(Smaller Leiden Plates).

Here also the lines of the verse as read in above, Vol. XXII, p. 267, have been interchanged.

1 It may be noted that king Vīrarājēndra claims to have set up pillars of victory (jaya-bhadrattūn) at several places with the emblem of the tiger engraved on them (S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 67). The Mahēndragiri inscription of

Rājēndra-Chōļa I (No. 396 of 1896) has also the figure of a tiger seated in front of two fish carved near it,

¹ The seals of the early copper-plate grants contain only the birudas of kings, such as Tribhuvanāṅkuśa, Vishamasiddhi, Prabhumēru, etc. The three early copper-plate grants of the Pāṇḍyas have no seals, and we do not know what legend, if any, this dynasty had used. The Pallava seal of Nandivarman III (S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 501) has a defaced legend in the Anushṭubh metre running round its margin. In the Vijayanagara, Nāyaka and Sētupati copper-plate grants, the respective sign-manuals of the dynasty were engraved at the end of the documents themselves and not on the seals. The Chōļa seals, however, have one full verse in the Anushṭubh metre engraved on them. The formal verses of the four kings Sundara-Chōļa, Uttama-Chōļa, Rājēndra-Chōļa and Kuļōttuṅga-Chōļa I are reproduced below for purposes of easy reference. Of these, the text of the legend on the seal of the Madras Museum plates of Uttama-Chōļa is given here for the first time.

position of the latter two to the tiger on Chōla seals is meant to indicate the political supremacy of the Chōla over the Pāṇḍya and Chēra kings. The other objects such as the pair of chaurīs, the two lamps on either side, etc., belong to the group of eight objects called the ashṭamangalam,¹ which are associated with auspicious ceremonials. It may be noted that the full set of ashṭamangalam objects are represented on the seal of the Tiruvālaṅgāḍu plates where, in addition to these, a small figure of the Chālukyan crest², the boar, is also introduced, indicative perhaps of the Chōla supremacy over the Chālukya. Though Vīrarājēndra claims to have defeated the Chālukya king several times, it is noticed that the Chālukyan varāha-lānchhana has not been figured on the Chārāla seal.

There are a few orthographical peculiarities noticeable in the record under review. The lengths of medial $\bar{\imath}$ in Grantha letters are indicated by a pronounced loop (l. 2). The ra-sign when it is the second member in conjunct consonants is shaped like the ri-symbol in some cases (ll. 2, 47, etc.). La and la are often interchanged (l. 20) and śa is wrongly used for cha in some cases (ll. 167, 175). The rules of sandhi are almost always observed, correctly in some cases and incorrectly in others. In the latter instances, the first consonant is retained instead of being changed into the third letter of the same varga. The use of the anusvāra in place of the appropriate nasals and the doubling of consonants after a rēpha are frequent. Such features are common to copper-plate inscriptions of this period. The errors have been corrected either in the body of the text or in relevant footnotes. At the ends of some of the verses in the Sanskrit portion, the symbol: followed by three vertical strokes is used as a punctuation mark, and should not be mistaken for the visarga, whereas in some other cases it is meant as such. The Tamil text, for the drafting of which the officer Madhurāntaka-Brahmādhirāja was responsible, is not free from errors of composition and transcription.

The Sanskrit portion of 81 verses in different metres which comprises nearly three-fourths of the document, is identical, verse for verse, with that in the long stone record of the king dated in the same 7th year, discovered at Kanyākumari in the Travancore State and published in a scholarly manner by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar in the Travancore Archaeological Series³ and by the late T. A. Gopinatha Rao in a previous volume of this Journal.⁴ As the Kanyākumari record is, however, damaged in several places, the present inscription is of great help in filling up the lacunæ and settling some doubtful readings in the former and in thus arriving at a complete text of this particular version of the Sanskrit prašasti of the Chōļa dynasty. In several instances, the readings furnished by this inscription are better than those made out from the Kanyākumari epigraph. These and other minor differences between these two copies have been noticed in footnotes under the text.

The record may, for the sake of convenience, be divided into four sections—the mythological, the historical, the donatory and the signatory.

Section I (Lines 1-104).

In this section of 52 Sanskrit verses, the mythological origin of the Chōla dynasty is given in great elaboration from Brahmā through Kāśyapa, Manu and other members of the Solar race. An eponymous Chōla, a Rājakēsarī and a Parakēsarī are then introduced, and the genealogy is

¹ The ashtamangalam objects are (1) a mirror, (2) a pūrna-kumbha, (3) a flag, (4) a fly-whisk, (5) an elephant-goad, (6) a drum, (7) a pair of lamps and (8) a pair of fish. There are different lists of these objects, in which a svastikā and a śańkha also occur.

² The king claims to have captured the śūkarakkodi (i.e.) the varāha-banner of the Chāļukyas, along with other royal paraphernalia. (S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 66).

³ Vol. III, p. 87. This learned scholar has, in many cases, succeeded in arriving at the correct readings, despite the damaged condition of the record in several places.

^{*} Ante., Vol. XVIII, pp. 21 ff.

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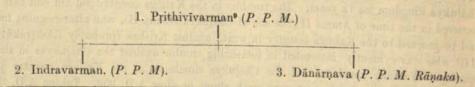
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It has already been pointed out1 that the Ganga rulers who issued their charters from Svētaka most probably consitute a separate branch of the Eastern Gangas, but that sufficient data are not yet available for determining the chronology of these kings.2 In this note an attempt is made to fix the chronological position of at least three of the so far known kings of this branch.

It may readily be recognised that Bhattaputra Durgakhandin, son of Bhatta Bodhana, of the Vatsa gotra and the Chhandoga charana, the donee in the Badakhimedi copper-plates of Indravarman,3 is identical with Bhatta Durgakhandika, the donee of Danarnava's grant,4 coming likewise from the Badakhimedi Estate,5 as the name of the donee's father, gotra and charana in the latter record are the same as in the former. However, the grantor in the first instance is Indravarman, while in the second it is Dānārnava. Next, it may be observed that both of them are stated to be sons of Prithivivarman. Since both the records are issued from Svētaka and in both of them one and the same person figures as the donee, the natural conclusion is that the donors Indravarman and Danarnava are not far removed from each other in point of time. And when we further know that the name of the donor's father in each case is the same we can safely infer that both Indrayarman and Danarnava were brothers and that both of them rulede in succession. However, the question remains as to who was the elder or who preceded on the throne. Luckily we possess a piece of evidence to decide this issue as well.

The names of the writer and the engraver of Indravarman's charter are given respectively as Samdhivigrahin Śrīsāmanta and kamsāra-kulaputraka śrēshthin Śrīsāmanta Svayambhu. Both these persons figure likewise as the writer and the engraver respectively in the Ganjam plates of Prithivivarman.7 This Prithivivarman must, therefore, be identical with Indravarman's father. as has been indicated by Mr. P. N. Bhattacharya.8 The presumption here is naturally this that the persons employed by the father as writer and engraver continued to function as such in the son's regime after the father's death. From this we may also infer that Indravarman was the immediate successor of Prithivivarman. This inference is confirmed by the fact that the writer and the engraver of Danarnava's grant are different persons and not those who served under Prithivīvarman and Indravarman. Thus we may conclude that Indravarman was elder than and preceded Dānārnava.

This part of the chronology will thus be determined as follows :--



Above, Vol. XXIV, p. 131.

³ Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 78.

⁵ Ibid., Vol. XXIV, p. 129.

² Ibld., p. 133.

⁴ Ibid., p. 264.

⁶ Both Indravarman and Dānārṇava bear, like their father, the imperial title of Paramēśvara-Paramabhaṭṭāraka-Mahārājādhirāja, though curiously enough Dānārņava bears an additional title of Rānaka, too, which fact makes it rather doubtful whether he came to the throne at all.

⁷ Ibid., Vol. IV, p. 201.

⁸ Ibid., Vol. XXIII, p. 79.

⁹ He is stated to be son of Mahindravarman, whose identity is not certain.

No. 25.—CHARALA PLATES OF VIRARAJENDRADEVA: SAKA 991.

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The present plates are stated to have been discovered in 1935 by one Narasā Reddi, a resident of Chārāla in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, while he was removing earth from a manure-pit in his garden. The whereabouts of the plates could not however be immediately traced, but with the assistance of Rao Saheb Totadri Ayyangar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, who was then in charge of the Tirupati Division, they were finally located and secured on loan for examination. They have since been purchased by Government and are now deposited in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. We edit the plates from the ink-impressions prepared in the office of the Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras.

The set consists of seven oblong copper-plates with raised rims, each measuring 9" by 4", and strung together on a ring 4" in diameter, passing through a ring-hole at the left margin of the plates. The ends of the ring are soldered to the bottom of a flat circular seal 33" in diameter and I" in thickness. The different leaves of the set do not bear serial numbers engraved near the ringhole. The plates weigh 154 tolas and the ring and seal together weigh 57 tolas.

The seal bears in relief from left to right the figures of (1) a lamp-stand, (2) a tiger seated on its haunches facing the proper left and with its tail tucked up between its legs and rising in front up to the neck, (3) a pair of fish in the vertical position, and (4) a lamp-stand. Canopying the fish and the tiger is a tasselled parasol, flanked on either side by a chauri.2 Below this group is shown a bow curving upwards and with the bow-string in position. All round the margin of the seal is engraved in raised Grantha characters, which are somewhat obliterated in places, the following Sanskrit versea in the Anushtubh metre stating that the charter was issued by king Vīrarājēndra:

Viśvair-vviśvambharādhīšair-[nnanditair]-vandita[m=ida]m [|*] Śāsanam Vīrarājēndra-Rājakēsarivarmmanah [||*]

All the plates have writing on both their sides except the first one, which bears writing on one side only. Each fully written side has, on an average, about 18 lines in the Sanskrit portion and 15 in the Tamil; and the complete record consists of 211 lines. The writing is in a good state of preservation. The languages used are Sanskrit for the prašasti and genealogical preamble of the inscription which is of considerable length running up to 81 numbered verses, and the rāja-bhāshāt Tamil for the documentary portion. The alphabets employed are respectively Grantha and Tamil characters attributable to the 11th century A.D. The Grantha letters are well shaped and cleanly cut, but the Tamil letters exhibit a slight carelessness in execution.

The inscription engraved on these plates is dated in Saka 991, Saumya and the 7th year of the Chola king Rājakēsarivarman Vīrarājēndradēva and registers the royal gift of the village Chērām⁵ alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam in Puli-nādu made from

¹ Registered as C. P. No. 1 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1937-38.

²The chauri and umbrella appear to have been intended as honorific emblems. These are also found on the top of an inscription of Parantaka I at Pillaipäkkam (No. 176 of 1929-30 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection) and also on the top of images of gods in niches in early Chôla temples.

³ This verse is repeated in lines 189-191 of the text. ⁴ The Punganur taluk where the plates were discovered was the border between the territories, whose spoken languages were Kannada, Telugu and Tamil, and inscriptions in all these languages are found in this locality. Tamil being the court-language of the Chōla kings, the documentary portion, which was drafted by a Chōla officer, was couched in that language.

⁵ The form of the name is somewhat peculiar, without the 'village'-suffix, like Buddham, etc.

Kānchīpuram, to three Brahmans named So(Śrō)triya-Kramavittan, Mundaya-Kramavittan and Pallaya-Kramavittan of the Atreya-gotra and Bahudhanya (Bodhayana)-sūtra and of the lineage of a certain Rishīkēśava (Hrishīkēśa)-Bhatta of Chērām, on the occasion of the Uttarāyana-Sankranti. This document is of interest as being the first copper-plate charter of this king.

For a study of Chola seals1 we have so far five specimens and the one attached to the present plates, therefore, forms a useful addition. Of these, the seals attached to the two sets of Leiden plates, Madras Museum, Anbil and the present Chārāla plates, have the same objects represented on them, while the seal of the Tiruvālangādu plates exhibits a few more emblems. In shape, however, the two Leiden seals are slightly more ornate, being lotus-like in shape, while the rest are circular; but this may be due only to a difference in the work of the designer. In the Charala seal the Chola emblem, the tiger2, is seated in the proper right side and facing towards the left, instead of the right as in the other cases. The animal is delineated with claws drawn out, leaving no room for doubt as to its identity, and the two fish are also clearly portraved. But in point of finish and neatness of execution, the two Leiden seals are the best. The tiger, the pair of fish and the bow are well-known emblems of the Chola, Pandya and Chera dynasties respectively, and the juxta-

(a) Sundara-Chōla-

Śaśvat(d)-viśvambharā-nētram Lakshmī-jaya-[sa*]rōruham | śāsanam śāśvatam śrīmad-Rājakēsarivarmmaņa[h*]

-(Anbil Plates).

(b) Uttama-Chola-

Nyāyānām śāsanam kurvat=śāsanam chakrabhūbhritā śāsanam bhūpatēr-ētat Parakēsrivarmmanah

-(Madras Museum Plates).

(c) Rājarāja I-

A stone record of this king opens with the following verse, which is likely to be found engraved on the seals of his copper-plate grants.

Etat višva-nripa-śreni-mauļi-māl-opalāļitam | śāsanam Rājarājasya Rājakēsarivarmmaņah 1

-(S.I.I., Vol. II, No. 1).

(d) Rājēndra-Chōla-

Rājad-rājanya-makuļa-śrēni-ratnēshu śāsanam 1 ētad=Rājēndra-Chōļasya Parakēsarivarmmanah ||

-(Tiruvālangādu Plates).

The seal of the larger Leiden plates has also this verse engraved on it. On the analogy of the form of the legend of the present seal which is also reproduced in ll. 189 to 191 of the text and the fact that legends on circular seals have probably to be read clockwise beginning from the centre of the top, the two lines of the verse given above, Vol. XXII, p. 213, have to be interchanged.

(e) Kulottunga-Chola-

Punyam kshōnīśvara-sabhā-chūdā-ratnāya śāsanam śri-Kulöttunga-Chōlasya Rājakēsarivarmmanah ||

-(Smaller Leiden Plates).

Here also the lines of the verse as read in above, Vol. XXII, p. 267, have been interchanged.

* It may be noted that king Vîrarājēndra claims to have set up pillars of victory (jaya-bhadrattūn) at several places with the emblem of the tiger engraved on them (S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 67). The Mahendragiri inscription of Rājēndra-Chōla I (No. 396 of 1896) has also the figure of a tiger seated in front of two fish carved near it.

¹ The seals of the early copper-plate grants contain only the birudas of kings, such as Tribhuvanānkuśa, Vishamasiddhi, Prabhumëru, etc. The three early copper-plate grants of the Pandyas have no seals, and we do not know what legend, if any, this dynasty had used. The Pallava seal of Nandivarman III (S. I. I., Vol. II, p. 501) has a defaced legend in the Anushtubh metre running round its margin. In the Vijayanagara, Nāyaka and Sētupati copper-plate grants, the respective sign-manuals of the dynasty were engraved at the end of the documents themselves and not on the seals. The Chola seals, however, have one full verse in the Anushtubh metre engraved on them. The formal verses of the four kings Sundara-Chōļa, Uttama-Chōļa, Rājēndra-Chōļa and Kuļōttunga-Chōļa I are reproduced below for purposes of easy reference. Of these, the text of the legend on the seal of the Madras Museum plates of Uttama-Chola is given here for the first time,

position of the latter two to the tiger on Chola seals is meant to indicate the political supremacy of the Chola over the Pandya and Chera kings. The other objects such as the pair of chauris, the two lamps on either side, etc., belong to the group of eight objects called the ashtamangalam,1 which are associated with auspicious ceremonials. It may be noted that the full set of ashtamangalam objects are represented on the seal of the Tiruvālangādu plates where, in addition to these, a small figure of the Chālukyan crest2, the boar, is also introduced, indicative perhaps of the Chōla supremacy over the Chāļukya. Though Vīrarājēndra claims to have defeated the Chāļukya king several times, it is noticed that the Chāļukyan varāha-lāñchhana has not been figured on the Chārāla seal.

There are a few orthographical peculiarities noticeable in the record under review. The lengths of medial i in Grantha letters are indicated by a pronounced loop (l. 2). The ra-sign when it is the second member in conjunct consonants is shaped like the ri-symbol in some cases (ll. 2, 47, etc.). La and la are often interchanged (l. 20) and śa is wrongly used for cha in some cases (Il. 167, 176). The rules of sandhi are almost always observed, correctly in some cases and incorrectly in others. In the latter instances, the first consonant is retained instead of being changed into the third letter of the same varga. The use of the anusvara in place of the appropriate nasals and the doubling of consonants after a repha are frequent. Such features are common to copper-plate inscriptions of this period. The errors have been corrected either in the body of the text or in relevant footnotes. At the ends of some of the verses in the Sanskrit portion, the symbol: followed by three vertical strokes is used as a punctuation mark, and should not be mistaken for the visarga, whereas in some other cases it is meant as such. The Tamil text, for the drafting of which the officer Madhurantaka-Brahmadhiraja was responsible, is not free from errors of composition and transcription.

The Sanskrit portion of 81 verses in different metres which comprises nearly three-fourths of the document, is identical, verse for verse, with that in the long stone record of the king dated in the same 7th year, discovered at Kanyākumari in the Travancore State and published in a scholarly manner by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar in the Travancore Archaeological Series3 and by the late T. A. Gopinatha Rao in a previous volume of this Journal.4 As the Kanyakumari record is, however, damaged in several places, the present inscription is of great help in filling up the lacunæ and settling some doubtful readings in the former and in thus arriving at a complete text of this particular version of the Sanskrit prašasti of the Chola dynasty. In several instances, the readings furnished by this inscription are better than those made out from the Kanyakumari epigraph. These and other minor differences between these two copies have been noticed in footnotes under the text.

The record may, for the sake of convenience, be divided into four sections—the mythological, the historical, the donatory and the signatory.

Section I (Lines 1-104).

In this section of 52 Sanskrit verses, the mythological origin of the Chōla dynasty is given in great elaboration from Brahmā through Kāśyapa, Manu and other members of the Solar race. An eponymous Chōla, a Rājakēsarī and a Parakēsarī are then introduced, and the genealogy is

¹ The ashtamangalam objects are (1) a mirror, (2) a pūrņa-kumbha, (3) a flag, (4) a fly-whisk, (5) an elephant-goad, (6) a drum, (7) a pair of lamps and (8) a pair of fish. There are different lists of these objects, in which a svastikā and a śankha also occur.

² The king claims to have captured the śūkarakkodi (i.e.) the varāha-banner of the Chāļukyas, along with other

royal paraphernalia. (S. I, I., Vol. III, p. 66). ³ Vol. III, p. 87. This learned scholar has, in many cases, succeeded in arriving at the correct readings, despite the damaged condition of the record in several places.

⁴ Ante., Vol. XVIII, pp. 21 ff.

further traced, though with no direct sequence, through a few more Puranic kings up to a certain Manoratha, after whom the names of a few quasi-historical members, such as, Parunetkili, Karikāla, Valabha, Jagadékamalla and Vyalabhayankara are mentioned, the whole praéasti being a manifest attempt on the part of the composer to give his patron a pedigree going back to high antiquity, This portion has been discussed with characteristic fullness by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayvar.¹

Section II (Ll. 104-169).

The really historical portion commences with the name of (Parakesari) Vijavalava, and from this king down to Rājendradeva, the predecessor and elder brother of Virarājendradeva, this inserintion furnishes some useful information about the several members of the Chola family. These facts have also been dealt with in detail elsewhere."

Coming to Virarajendradeva, the donor of the present grant, his military and other achievements are then described in seven verses (vy. 75-81). It is stated that "when king Răjendradeva went to heaven, his younger brother Virarăjendra who had deprived his enemies of their splendour, succeeded to the extensive kingdom in accordance with the prescribed laws. Having killed at Kudal-Sangama the kings of the Karnata-canisa. this powerful Chola ruler increased the army of the partakers of sacrificial offerings by the addition (to its numerical strength) of these kings, who had themselves become celestials. With the help of a single elephant the destroyed the Kuntala army and created a new river of blood, whereat the ocean-god was delighted.

This king Vallabha-Vallabha conquered back the Vangi and Kalinga countries, which had been inherited by his brothers but which had been left uncared for by them and had therefore been captured by his powerful enemies. Having defeated the strong armies of his opponents and having destroyed many of their fortresses, he ruled his kingdom in prosperity.

This Vira-Chola, called also Karikala-Chola, destroyed the strength of the Kali-age and bestowed numerous dharmasasanas (edicts of charitable gifts). Further, he embellished the crown of the Dancer in the Dabhra-sabhā (i.e., god Naţarāja at Chidambaram) with a ruby called the 'Trailokyasāra', which looked as if the progenitor of his own race (i.e., the Sun) had himself mounted on the top of the crown, so as to cause annoyance to the moon, the ancestor of the dynasty of his enemy (i.e., the Pandya), which is also worn as the crest-jewel by god Srikantha. This king founded several brahmadēyas under the name of Vīrarājēndra in the Chōla, Tundīra, Pandya, Gangavati and Kulūtas countries, and pleased forty-thousand Brahmans learned in the Vēdas, by munificent gifts of lands."

The regnal year of the king is quoted as the 7th corresponding to Saka 991, Saumya (IL 159-160). The same regnal and Saka years occur also in a record* of his from Yogi-Mallavaram

T. A. S., Vol. III, pp. 87 ff.

^{*} Ibid., and oute, Vol. XVIII, pp. 21 ff.

In this buttle several generals lost their lives, but who were 'the Eings of the Kurnata vamsa 'who are also said to have been slain is not clear. In Ep. Carn., Vol. VII, Sk. 136, Ahavamalla is described as an enemy of the Karnnata kings also. Probably this is a loose description of the panegyrist.

^{*} This achievement with 's single elephant' also occurs in the Tamil text in S. I. I., Vol. 111, p. 66, L 6.

^{*} In addition to this gem, the king presented to the god a pedestal with the name of 'Virarajendra' engraved on it-(No. 217 of the Madrus Epigraphical Collection for 1912).

^{*}Kulata referred to here cannot be the country of the same name in the Punjab, identified with Kulu. A general of the Chôja king Rājēndra-Chōja I is said to have defeated a Kulūta chief named Vimalāditya (S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 1351), and so this Kulūta must be located near about Vengi and Utkala, and ruled over by an Eastern Chāļukyan feudatory.

[†] No. 273 of 1904.

in the Puttur Division of the Chittoor District. The locality where these two inscriptions were discovered, namely the Chittoor District, has perhaps to account for the useful quotation of both the regnal as well as the Saka years in them, for such double citations are somewhat rare in inscriptions of this period in the southern districts.

Several Sanskrit and Tamil birudas of the king are also enumerated in this portion of the record (ll. 155-8), some belonging to him by his own right as a scion of the Chōla family, such as Ravikulatilaka, Chōļakulaśēkhara, etc., while others were acquired by him as a result of his victory over the Chāļukyas, such as Sakalabhuvanāśraya, Āhavamallakulakāla, etc. The title 'Āhavamallanaiaimmadi-ven-kanda' is of particular interest, as it claims for him victory over Ahavamalla, as many as five times. Pāndyakulāntaka refers to his victory over the Pāndyas.

These and other achievements of the king are further elaborated in the short historical introduction commencing with the words 'Viramey tunaiyagavum', etc., which follows thereafter (ll. 160-68). It is herein claimed that Rājakēsarivarman¹ Vīrarājēndra took the head of the Tennan (Pāṇḍya), levied tribute from the Chēra king, subdued Singala-dēśam (Ceylon), saw the back of Ābavamalla five times in battle, fulfilled the vow of his elder brothers by recovering Vēngai-nāḍu which, however, he gave to king Vijayāditya (Vijayāditya VII) who had submitted to him, gave Kadāram back after conquest to the (Kadāra?) king who fell at his feet soliciting his help, drove away Sōmēśvara (Sōmēśvara II) from his Kannaḍa-dēśam, and gave Iraṭṭapāḍi-seven-and-a-halflakh country to Vikramāditya (VI). Incidentally, Vīrarājēndra is also stated to have defeated the Chāļukya king at Muḍakkāru, apparently on an earlier occasion, and to have thus cooled his anger.

From a study of the elaborate details contained in the variant historical introductions prefacing his lithic records, it is seen that the reign of Vīrarājēndra, though it occupied a short span of only seven years, was crowded with campaigns conducted in as many as four war-fronts, -on the west against Abavamalla to whom he had a score to pay in revenge for the death of his elder brothers in battle, on the east against Ahavamalla's feudatory, the Eastern Chāļukya Vijayāditya, on the south against the Pāṇḍyas, the Chēras and Ceylon, while on the north he is said to have invaded Kalingam and carried his raid as far as Chakkarakköttam, in extension of his Vengi campaigns. Vīrarājēndra began his military career even as a prince and appears to have taken part in the wars against the Western Chāļukyas undertaken by his predecessors Rājādhirāja I, Rājēndradēva and Rājamahēndra, and what they had failed to accomplish themselves, he claims to have brought to a successful finish. Soon after the death of Rājēndradēva, he is said to have returned to Gangāpuri (Gangaikondaśōlapuram) direct from the battlefield for his coronation and to have again started out on that very day to prosecute the war against Ahavamalla. In all, he credits himself with having routed Ahavamalla in five pitched battles. These facts have been reviewed in a thorough manner by Dr. Hultzsch,3 but the sequence of events in this Chōla-Chālukya conflict as worked out by him seems to require slight revision.

Before examining this question, however, a few relevant facts bearing upon this period may be quoted here, for purposes of easy reference.

(1) Rājēndradēva's rule extended from 28th May 1052 A.D. to A.D. 1063, his highest regnal year so far known being 12.4

¹ There is only one instance (No. 230 of 1928-29) in which he is styled a 'Parakesarivarman'.

² Kalingam and Chakkarakköttam were in close political connection with the Vēngī kingdom at this period, and the political changes in Vengi had their repercussions in the other two northern territories.

^{*} Ante, Vol. IX, p. 218 and No. 144 of 1898. His 12th year, if correct, will have commenced in June 1063, and he did not probably live long in that regnal year; but the details given in this record (No. 144 of 1898). work for February, A. D. 1063, which, however, fell in his 11th year.

- (2) A record of Rājamahēndra¹ dated in the 4th year, gives astronomical details which correspond to A.D. 1062, July 22. In a record dated in his 3rd year, this prince claims to have worsted the Chāļukyas at Mudakkārar,
- (3) Rājamahēndra did not rule independently and probably predeceased his father; so Rājēndra may have chosen Virarājēndra as heir-apparent, some time before his own death.
- (4) Vîrarājēndra's date of accession has been calculated to fall between 11th September 1062 and 10th September 1063 A.D.3
- (5) He is said to have defeated Abavamalla three times by the 4th year,* and by the end of the 5th year, he claims to have defeated him in five engagements.3
- (6) A record of the 5th year* which recounts several of his achievements gives astronomical details agreeing only for A.D. 1067, September 10, Monday, and serves as an important chronological landmark.
- (7) Āhavamalla (Sōmēśvara I) drowned himself in the Tungabhadrā on Sunday, 30th March, A.D. 1068.7
- (8) In the disputed succession that followed Ahavamalla's death, Virarajendra sided Vikramādītya against the latter's elder brother Somēśvara.*
- (9) The date of Sômēšvara (II)'s accession was 11th April A.D. 1668,7
- (10) The highest regnal year of Virarajendra found in his own inscriptions is 7, and in two records of his successor Adhirajendra, his 8th year is also quoted.
- (II) As Kulöttniga-Chōla's accession took place on 9th June, A.D. 1070,10 Virarājēndra must have passed away early in his 8th year, i.e., towards the beginning of A D. 1970, and Adbirājēndra, who succeeded the latter, must have had a very short independent reign.

Virarājēndra's campaigns against Ahavamalla-

Now as Vîrarajendra boasts of the title ' Ahavamallanai-aimmadi-ven-kanda' (i.e.,) he ' who saw the back of Ahavamalla five times', all the five engagements must have been directed against Ahavamalla-Sömökvara I during the latter's life-time, i.e., before 30th March A.D. 1968. As Rajamahēndra and Vīrarajēndra both claim to have fought the Chāļukyas at or on the bank

¹ No. 80 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection for 1935-36.

a S. J. L. Vol. VII, No. 743. The name Mudakkaru means a 'river with a sharp bend', and so it may have been a simple descriptive name of a devious river, which later became its distinctive name. This Mudakkaru may be different from the Kudal-Sangamam, which requires more than one river to justify its name. It has to be noted that the name Mudakkaru is Tamil in form and if this was its original name in its locality, we may have to look for it in some place where Tamil was current. If, however, a Telugu or Kannada name had been appropriately paraphrased into Mudakkaru, its identification becomes somewhat difficult. As another instance of such transformation may be mentioned the name Kandai (or Karandai ?) in the vicinity of Kudal-Sangamam, which appears to be a Tamilised poetle form of a Telugu or Kanuada name. Dr. N. Venkataramanayya suggests that it may perhaps be identified with Kandana (vrolu) i.e., the modern Kurnool. Similarly Kondai, the scene of another battle, may perhaps be identified with Kondavidu or Kondapalli,

³ Aute. Vol. IX, p. 218. This interval can be narrowed down further. Sewell dates it after March 10, A.D. 1063-The Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 342.

⁴ S. J. J., Vol. III, p. 198.

Ante, Vol. XXI, p. 232, R. 5-6.

^{*} S. L. L., Vol. III, p. 67, 1, 37,

¹ Ep. Caru., Vol. VII. Sk. 136.

The Takkayagapparasi (v. 774) also confirms the friendship of this Chola king with Vikramaditya VI.

Nos. 15 of 1890 and 418 of 1902 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

¹⁵ Ante, Vol. VII, p. 7, f.n. 5.

of Mudakkaru, and as there is no great possibility for two separate battles at the same place by two kings within a short interval, it is likely that both Rajamahendra and Virarajendra took part together in the same battle, and as such, this must have happened in about the beginning of A.D. 1062,1 when Virarajendra was only a prince.

In the present record Vîrarājēndra states that, on the very day of his coronation, he proceeded against his enemy Ahavamalla and routed him and his sons at Kūdal-Sangamam in the north.2 This information is interesting and has not been specified in his other inscriptions. As Virarājēndra's coronation could have taken place only after Rājēndradēva's demise in A.D. 1063, this first battle of Küdal-Sangamam by Vīrarājendra, as king, will have to be dated in about A.D. 1064 only. But on the other hand the Manimangalam inscription3 mentions that after the notable victory at Kūdal-Sangamam, the king was pleased to ascend the virasimhāsanam along with his consort Ulagamulududaiyāl and donned (mēyndu) the crown (vijaya-manimakutam). In view of the specific post-dating of the Kūdal-Sangamam battle to his coronation in the present grant, the description given in the Manimangalam record has to be understood in the sense that the king signalised his success by a second elaborate coronation ceremonial after his return from the battle-field.

As Virarājēndra claims to have defeated Ahavamalla three times by his 4th year, he must have defeated bim on two other occasions in addition to the Kudal-Sangamam battle. These are mentioned in the Tamil preamble beginning with the words tiruvalar, etc., i.e., (1) a campaign against Gangapādi in which Vikkalan and several sāmantas were routed and (2) another, against the Western Chāļukya army in occupation in Vēngi, when the Chāļukya general named Chāmundarāja was killed. The Mudakkāru battle may have to be placed in one of the early campaigns.

Two other expeditions are also specified in the above prasasti to have been undertaken before the end of the 5th year of his reign. One of them was a battle on the bank of an unspecified river, when he slew a number of Chālukya and other generals. The other was arranged to be fought at Kudal-Sangamam again, in response to a challenge issued by Ahavamalla fixing a tryst there, but as Ahavamalla did not turn up in person, Virarajendra waited for him at Kandai (or Karandai) in its vicinity for over a month. In the skirmish that, however, ensued between the latter and the Chāļukya garrison that was near by, three Chāļukya generals were killed. Vīrarājendra proceeding thence, overran Vengi and gave it back to Vijayaditya, and raided the territory as far as Chakkarakköttam.

Thus the five occasions in which Virarajendra 'saw the back of Ahavamalla 'were—(1) the campaign against Gangapādi in A.D. 1062, (2) the first invasion of Vengi in A.D. 1063, (3) the battle of Kūdal-Sangamam in A.D. 1964, (4) the battle on the bank of an unnamed river in

Taking the 4th year record of prince Rajamahendra from Marangiyar as belonging to the beginning of that regnal year, the Mudakkaru battle, if it took place at the end of the 3rd year, may be dated in about March

² This battle is referred to as early as the 2+1st year (No. 452 of 1918) or 2nd year+230th day (No. 113 of 1896) of the king. So Virarajëndra's actual coronation must have taken place before this date and the battle may have to be placed in the end of A.D. 1064. There is, however, one record from Tirnverrivar (No. 136 of 1912) dated in the 2nd year which commences with 'viramiy-tueni,' but without mentioning any of his conquests at all. The Sanskrit verses (vv. 75, 76) also state that after he was crowned, he fought at Kūdal-Sangamam. The scene of this battle has been tentatively identified with a place on the confluence of the Krishuā and the Tungabhadrā. This will take us near Nandikötkür in the Kurnool District which would well fit in as a battle-field midway between the Eastern and Western Chalukyan territories. An alternative identification that had been suggested was Kūdali at the junction of the Tunga and the Bhadra (The Colus, pp. 321-22).

⁺ Rajendradeva also claims to have defeated Ahavamalla twice (framadi-ven-kanda) (ante, Vol. XXI, p. 233, l. 11). He is called Irumadi-cen-kanda Ulayuyyakkondaruliya Ayyar (An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1931-32, p. 52),

A.D. 1066, and (5) the encounter at Kāndai (or Karandai) near Kūḍal-Saṅgamam, which was followed up by a second invasion of Vēṅgī towards the middle of A.D. 1067. As already stated, all these military campaigns must have occurred before Āhavamalla's death in March A.D. 1068, and before September 10, A.D. 1067 which is the date of the Manimangalam inscription of bis 5th year mentioning them.

His Vengi campaigns-

From his records it is learnt that Vîrarājēndra undertook two expeditions against Vēngī during his reign as against Ahavamalla's power in that region. The Chola influence which had prevailed in that territory since the time of the Chola king Rajaraja I (A.D. 1000) suffered an eclipse in the middle of the 11th century A.D. About A.D. 1062, soon after the death of the Eastern Chāļukya Rājarāja I, his brother Vijayāditya appears to have wrested the power into his hands in preference to Rājarāja's son Rājēndra-Chōla,2 who must have been a very young prince at the time. Taking advantage of the indifference of Rājādhirāja and Rājēndradēva in Vēngī affairs, referred to in verse 77 of the present record, Ahavamalla found it a good opportunity to invade Vēngī about this time or somewhat earlier3 and made Vijayāditya VII his feudatory. Vīrarājēndra's first campaign was therefore directed against Ahavamalla's army in Vengi, but except for the defeat of the Chalukya general Chamundaraja in an engagement, this expedition does not appear to have accomplished much. It is possible that on the receipt of the news of death of his elder brother Rajendradeva, Vîrarajendra had to rush back to the Chola capital in the middle of this campaign for his coronation, and as Ahavamalla appears, in the meantime, to have mustered his forces for another fight, the newly anointed Chola king was obliged to depart from the capital again on the very day of his coronation, posthaste to meet his enemy at Vada-Kūdal-Sangamam. In the second invasion undertaken about A.D. 1067, a fierce battle was fought in the vicinity of Vijayavāda (Bezwada). Āhavamalla's power having been broken, his feudatory Vijayaditya appears to have also submitted and transferred his allegiance, for the time being, to his Chōla conqueror, from whom, it is said, he got back his territory.4 Vīrarājēndra's raid through Kalingam and as far as Chakkarakköttam was only in continuation of this Vengi campaign.

There appears to have been a third occasion in which Vēngī was invested by the Chola army. This campaign which is described only in the Tirumukkūdal inscription is stated to have occurred after the Ceylon expedition, and so has to be dated in about January or February A.D. 1068 approximately. Though it is not expressly stated as to what had necessitated it so soon after the last campaign a few months earlier, in which Vijayāditya was given back Vēngī, a clue seems to be afforded in the statement that the Chalukki (ach-Chalukki) came out with an army twice in numerical strength to what he had marshalled on a former occasion. This

¹ S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 30.

² In ante, Vol. XXII, No. 35, Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar states that the succession of Vijayāditya was not disputed. Prince Rājēndra was perhaps too young to make a strong protest.

³ In a record of Sömēśvara dated in Śaka 975, his son Sömēśvara (II) has the title 'Vēngīpuravarādhiśvara,' thus postulating Vēngī connection so early (above, Vol. XVI, p. 53). A record from Drākshārāma dated in Śaka 986 in the reign of a Vishņuvardhana is attributable to this Eastern Chāļukya Vijayāditya who was then probably a feudatory of the Western Chāļukyas (S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 1013).

⁴ This event must have happened before A.D. 1067, September 10, which is the English equivalent for the details furnished in the Manimangalam inscription dated in the 5th year of the king, which refers to this episode (S.I. I., Vol. III, No. 30, p. 67).

⁵ Ante, Vol. XXI, p. 232.

⁶ The expression 'ach-Chalukki' used here probably refers only to the Eastern Chālukya Vijayāditya, who has been mentioned just previous to the description of the Ceylon campaign.

inscription dated in the 5th year states that Vīrarājēndra defeated Āhavamalla five times, ending with the battle of Karandai. In later records¹ of the 7th year, the Western Chalukya king continues to be mentioned as having suffered defeat the same number of times. So the enemy encountered by the Chōla at the subsequent battle of Koṇḍai, (probably Koṇḍavīḍu in the Vēṇgī territory), could not have been Āhavamalla, but was in all probability Vijayāditya. The latter who was a Western Chālukya feudatory in the initial years of his reign, appears to have transferred his nominal allegiance to the Chōla conqueror, and as the price of his submission, got back Vēṇgī. It is possible that, a short time later, he attempted to throw off the Chōla yoke and mustering a large army opposed the Chōla king at the battle of Koṇḍai. The Chālukyan army was, however, repulsed, and the victorious Vīrarājēndra is then stated to have planted a pillar of victory at Śūṭṭukkal² and marched into Kalingam and Chakkarakkōṭṭam, defeating and killing some Chālukya generals.

Further Chāļukya hostilities.

The Chōla-Chālukva hostilities did not, however, cease with the death of Ahavamalla In a record dated in the 6th year, * Vîrarājēndra claims to have defeated Somēśvara before he had had time to take off his necklet (kanthika), to have burnt the Chalukya capital Kampili and to have set up a pillar of victory at Karadikkal. Another dated in the 7th year,4 states that Someswara was driven out of Kannada-desam and the Rattapadi-seven-and-a-half-lakhs country in its entirety was given to Vikramāditya (VI) who had submitted to him. The kanthikā or the necklet was the conventional emblem of heir-apparency5 of the Chālukya dynasty, as differentiated from the makuta or crown, the emblem of royalty, and the Somesvara referred to here was evidently the second of that name. The above-noted claim of Vīrarājēndra has therefore to be understood to be but a poetical way of saying that the Chola king swooped down on the Chalukya capital evidently in aid of his ally Vikramaditya,6 immediately after the death of Ahavamalla and before the quondam heir-apparent Somesvara II put on the crown of royalty, i.e., in the interval between 30th March, A.D. 1068, the date of death of Ahavamalla, and 11th April A.D. 1068, the actual date of accession of Someśvara II. The result of this campaign has, however, been exaggerated by the Chōla panegyrist, for Somēśvara appears to have ceded only a portion of his territory to Vikramāditya, as evidenced by his own records being simultaneously found in other parts of the kingdom. and Vikramāditya, the protégé of Vīrarājēndra, appears to have himself continued in a subordinate capacity, as suggested by his investiture with the kanthika only. The claim for a Chalukyan victory made in the Shikarpur record, which must have been dated some time later than April, A.D. 1068, may be noted in this connection. It is stated therein that Vīrarājēndra thinking that this was an opportune occasion, invaded the Chāļukyan territory with a large army and laid siege to Gutti; but when Someśwara II opposed him with a powerful cavalry force, he was forced to flee. The Chalukya records are silent about the burning of Kampili, while there is no mention of the Chola reverses at Gutti in the Chola records. It may be inferred that the Chola king was successful in the beginning of this campaign, and that later he sustained a defeat at Gutti in about the end of A.D. 1068, which put an end to his military aspirations in the north.

¹ The Kanyākumari inscription and the present copper-plate. Nowhere has Āhavamalla been described as having been defeated six times or more (arumadi-ven-kanda, etc.).

² The expression Puli-Süttukkal has been taken to be the name of a village (ante, Vol. XXI, p. 226). But it may also be taken to mean a 'stone pillar of victory with the mark of a tiger on it', which was probably set up at Kondai itself.

³ S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 201.
⁴ Ibid., p. 203.
⁵ Ind. Ant., Vol. XX, p. 267.

This political pact was also cemented by the marriage of Vīrarājēndra's daughter with Vikramāditya.

⁷ Ep. Carn., Vol. VII, Sk. 136.

His campaign against the Pandya.

In regard to Vîrarajendra's southern campaigns, the one against the Pandya is in a way confirmed by the existence of his inscriptions at Kanyakamari (Travancore), Attur (Tirunelveli District) and Tirupputtur (Ramnad District). Before the 3rd year of his reign, he had appointed prince Gangaikonda-Chôla as the Chôla-Pandya viceroy! over the Pandya country in continuation of the previous system of administration, but this Chola prince was not left undisturbed for long, for according to a record dated in the 3+1st year, Virarajendra marched against a certain Srīvallabha, apparently a Pāṇḍya, and killed his son Vīrakēsari. As this campaign has not been referred to in the Tiruvenkadus record dated in the 2nd year + 230th day of his reign but is mentioned in the Karuvur inscription of this king dated in the 3+1st year, it has to be placed towards the end of his 3rd year, i.e., in about A.D. 1865. This victory also appears to have been of a temporary nature, for Vîrarajendra's successor Kulöttunga-Choja I had again to go to war against the 'five Pandyas' a few years later.

His campaign against Udagai.

In the course of this southern campaign, the Chera must have also felt the impact of the Chôja army and consented to pay tribute. The Kêraja king and his sons are described to have fled before the mad elephant of Vîrarājendra in a battle at Udagais and to have hidden themselves in the western ocean. In an inscription' copied at Kilūr in the South Arcot District, dated in the 29th year of Rajaraja I, the king is stated to have burnt the city of Udagai during his Malainadu campaign. From these references, it is clear that Udagai was a city in the Chera dominion, and was, in all probability identical with Udaiyampërur, ' the big city of the Udaiyas (the Chēras) ' in the northern portion of the Travancere State, which is only three miles distant from Trichur and which in the olden days was an important place in the Chera territory. The Chera contemporaries of Rājēndra-Chōļa I were Rājasimha and his son Rājarāja who figure in the Mannārkōyil inscription of Jatavarman Sundara-Chöla Pandya, but who the contemporary of Virarajendra was, is not clear.

His conquest of Ceylon.

The conquest of Simhalam is only briefly referred to in the present record; but the Tirumukkūdal inscriptions dated in the 5th year of the king, describes this campaign in some detail and refers to his defeat of the Ceylon king Vijayabāhu and the subjugation of the island 'girt round by the waters of the sea '. Though this is perhaps a sweeping claim, it has to be conceded that a portion of the island was under Chola sway at this period. As the Manimangalam record of the 10th September A.D. 1067 does not refer to this expedition, it will have to be placed towards the end of that year, about November or December A.D. 1067. Virarajendra's predecessor Rajendradeva lund also invaded Ceylon and an inscription of his is found there. Inscriptions of Adhirājēndra, the successor of Vīrarājēndra, are also found at Polonnaruva (Ceylon). The latter

Nos. 400 and 401 of the Madres Epigraphical Collection for 1929-30 and No. 110 of 1938.

^{*} S. I. L. Vol. V. No. 976.

The Päudya king Śrivallabha was the contemporary of Rajendra-Chōja I also, * S. I. I., Vol. III, No. 20.

⁶ S. L. L. Vol. III, No. 30. * S. I. L. Vol. VII, No. 863.

^{*} Udagai has been taken to be a Pāṇḍya city (S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 68). 7 Ante, Vol. XI, p. 294.

^{*} Ante, Vol. XXI, No. 38, where this point has been examined by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar in detail. The Polonnaruva inscription of Vijayabāhu (aute, Vol. XVIII, No. 38) may be considered to mark the eclipse of Chola power in Ceylon, for no inscriptions of later Chola kings are found actually in that island.

If the Ceylon expedition of the 5th year took place about November 1007, and an incident of April A.D. 1068 fell in the 6th year, the date of accession of Virarajendra can be narrowed down between the limits December 1062 A.D. and Murch 1063 A.D. A date in his 7th regnal year (Kaupi, ba. 7, Thursday, Mrigastraha) was A.D. 1069, September 10, Thursday (No. 160 of 1937-38),

¹⁶ S. I. I., Vol. V. No. 1408.

¹³ S. I. I., Vol. IV, Nos. 1388 and 1392,

did not perhaps lead an independent expedition against the island during his very short reign and may be presumed to have participated in his father's campaign only. No records attributable to Vīrarājēndra have, however, been found in Ceylon.

His campaign against Kadāram.

Another overseas victory is claimed for Virarajendra over Kadaram. In the later historical introduction of the 7th year commencing with 'eiramey-tunaiyagarum ' this achievement is introduced between the second invasion of Vengi in A.D. 1967 and the last campaign of Virarajendra that we know of, which was directed against Somesvara II (A.D. 1968). As his father Rajendra-Chēla I claims to have invaded Kadāram biniself by about A.D. 1026;2 it is possible that Vîrarājēndra, as a young prince, had accompanied the Chōla army in that campaign also. Such a campaign to the distant Kadāram towards the close of Virarājēndra's reign appears problematical and has to be confirmed only by future researches. The express statement that the Chōje king conquered Kadāram and gave it back to the (Kadāra) king who had supplicated him, seems to imply that an expedition, at least under an able general though not personally led by the king himself, may have been sent against this far eastern country in aid of his ally. If it was an accomplished fact of his reign, it may have taken place in the beginning of A.D. 1068. The friendly relationship between the Chola and the Kadaram kings seems to have been continued down to the 20th year of the reign of Kulöttunga-Chöja I (A.D. 1090), when two messengers (dūtar) of the Kadāram king cams to the mainland to obtain from the Chōla monarch some concessions on behalf of the Bauddha-whara at Negapatam.4

Thus Vīrarājēndra's short reign was a period of strenuous military effort to keep up the weakening Chöla power and prestige to some extent. The several campaigns of his reign may thus be briefly reviewed, in their probable chronological sequence:

- (1) the first campaign against Gangapādi in A.D. 1062;
- (2) the first invasion of Vengi in A.D. 1063;
- (3) the first battle of Kūdal-Saugamam in A.D. 1064;
- (4) the southern expedition against the Pandya and Chera in A.D. 1065;
- (5) the battle on the bank of an unspecified river in A.D. 1066;
- (6) the clash with the Chāļukyan army at Kāndai (or Karaudai) near Kūḍal-Sangamam in the middle of A.D. 1067;
- (7) the second invasion against Vēngī, the battle of Vijayavāda and the restoration of Vēngī to Vijayādītya before September A.D. 1067;
- (8) the expedition against Simhalam in the end of A.D. 1067;
- (9) the overseas campaign to Kadaram in the beginning of A.D. 1968;
- (10) the third expedition against Vengi and the battle of Kondai in about February A.D. 1068;
- (11) the campaign against the Western Chāļukya Sōmēśvara, the burning of Kampili and the erection of a pillar of victory at Karadikkal in April A.D. 1068; and the installation of Vikramāditya VI in a portion of the Western Chāļukya dominions; and
- (12) the battle of Gutti's in about the end of A.D. 1068, wherein Virarājēndra suffered defeat at the hands of Somēsvara II.

¹ See also ante, Vol. XVIII. p. 332 and f. n. 2. The Archæological Commissioner of Ceylon has kindly informed us that there are no inscriptions of Vtrarajendradeva in Ceylon. *S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 203.

³ The conquest of Kadāram (Keddah in the Srīvijaya kingdom located in the Malay Peninsula) by Rājēndra-Chōja occurred about his 13th year corresponding to A.D. 1026. As Vīrarājēndra lived up to A.D. 1069, he may have been a young prince capable of participating in a military expeditive, 43 years earlier.

^{*} Ante, Vol. XXII, p. 268.

⁴ Ep. Cars., Vol. VII, Sk. 136.

Though this warlike king was so much preoccupied in his wars during his short reign, for not a year, except perhaps the last, passed without his army being engaged in some campaign or other, he appears to have found time to attend to the welfare of his subjects. He is said to have presented many agrahāras to Brāhmans and several benefactions to temples owed their origin to his munificence.

In this context, it may be remarked that the Chōla version of the Chōla-Chālukva war appears to give a slightly exaggerated account of Vîrarajëndradëva's victories. The Châlukva records. on the other hand, seem to indicate that the reverses were not always on the Chālukyan side alone. In fact, the two parties appear to have been fairly well-matched, with the result that the hostilities were protracted and the opposing armies met in as many as five different engagements. The Chola army no doubt took the offensive and carried the war into the enemy's country, as testified to by the scenes of battles which were all located in Chalukyan territory, and except for the Chola reverses. in the death of Rajadhiraja I in the earlier battle of Koppam and later at Gutti, Vîrarajëndra's independent campaigns appear to have met with a fair measure of success; but the fact that he is described as having restored the conquered dominions-viz., Vengi to Vijayaditva VII and Rattapadi to Vikramaditya VI-seems to indicate that his hold on the conquered territories was not of a permanent nature. His Pandya and Chera conquests also appear to have shared the same fate. This policy of restoration adopted by Virarajendra may have been due to considerations of statecraft by which he had tried to placate the kings on his frontiers or to the insufficiency of his own resources which had weakened his hold on his conquests so far away from Chola headquar-Whatever the reason, the provenance of his inscriptions with the exception of the Kanyakumari. Attur and Tirupputtur records reveals that his authority extended over a restricted area only, comprising the North Arcot, South Arcot, Chingleput, Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts of the Madras Presidency with a portion of the adjoining Pudukköttai State and the Kolar and Bangalore Districts of the Mysore State, added thereto.

The circumstances under which the king died are not known. As a record* of his 7th year is dated on September 10, A.D. 1069, and as two records of Adhirājēndra refer to the 8th year of his predecessor. Virarājēndra must have been alive till at least October A.D. 1069, and he may have passed away sometime later in the beginning of A.D. 1070. It is possible that there is some reference to his last days in an undated record from Tiruvorriyūr,* in which provision was made for worship in the local temple for the welfare of the king and for the prosperity of the queen's tirumāṅgalyam. Virarājēndra was succeeded by his son Adhirājēndra, a portion of whose short period of rule must have merged into his own reign. The prayer offered for the welfare of Adhirājēndra in a record from Kūhūr* in the Tanjore District, dated in his 3rd year, seems to indicate that this king was himself suffering from illness at the time and his records end with the 4th year*. As his successor Kulōttuṅga-Chōļa I ascended the throne on 9th June 1070 A.D., Adhirājēndra could have ruled independently for only a short time in the first half of A.D. 1070.

i The Chāļukya titles ' the shatterer of the pride of the Chōļa monarchs' (aute, Vol. XV, p. 91) and the foundation of a temple called Chōļa-gonda-Traipurushadēva at Annigere (S. I. I., Vol. XII, B.K. No. 193) may be noted. An invasion led by Prince Vishuuvardhana Vijayāditya in the reign of Trailôkyamalla, against the Chōļa king in A.D. 1964 is referred to in S. I. I., Vol. IX, Nos. 127 and 128.

² No. 160 of the Mad. Epig. Colin. for 1937-38.

⁹ No. 128 of the Mad. Epig. Colln. for 1912.

⁴ No. 280 of 1917.

a No. 15 of 1890 is dated in the 3rd year+200th day of reign.

^{*} Ante, Vol. VII, p. 7, f.n. 5.

What became of the several Chōļa princes, sons of Rājēndradēva and Vīrarājēndra¹, is not apparent. Of those, if any, that may have survived the numerous campaigns of this period, there was perhaps none strong enough to occupy the Chōļa throne after Adhirājēndra. So the enterprising Eastern Chāļukya prince Rājēndra-Chōļa II, son of Chāļukya Rājarāja I, grandson of the Chōļa king Rājēndra-Chōļa I, and son-in-law of Rājēndradēva, who was thus intimately connected with the Chōļa royal family, availed himself of this opportunity to quietly succeed to the vacant Chōļa throne. This political step not only helped to relieve the tension in his own country where his uncle Vijayāditya was still reigning, but also gave Kulōttunga-Chōļa I a large tract of new territory to rule over, until such time as, with the demise of his uncle, he could consolidate the Chōļa and Chāļukya fortunes into one line.

Section III (ll. 170-191).

This section relates to the object of the grant. At the time of making the gift recorded in the present charter, the king is stated to have been seated in the frontal tirukkāvaņam of the audience-hall (tiruvōlakka-mandapa) called 'Rājarājan' in the temple of Tiruvēgambam-Udaiyār at Kānchīpuram, a nagaram in Eyir-köttam, a sub-division of Jayangondasōla-mandalam. The village Chērām alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam, which was granted to the three Brāhmans of the Ātrēya-gōtra already referred to above, is said to have been situated in Irattapādi-kondasōla-mandalam, that had been captured by Vīrarājēndradēva in the campaign, which he had undertaken immediately after his coronation and in which he had defeated Āhavamalla and his sons on the battle-field at the northern Kūdal-Sangamam.

The boundary-line of this gift-village is then described in detail. Starting from Kuppēri in the east, it passed through several landmarks, such as rocks, sluices, etc., and ended at a hillock called Kadatti-malai.* The land enclosed by this boundary-line belonged to the village Chērām alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam. In this connection it may be noted that the boundary-line was not marked out, as was usual in such cases and in this period, by the circumambulation of a she-elephant (pidi-sūlodu) and that though it was drafted by the officer Madhurāntaka-Brahmādhirājan, it is lacking in the sententious clauses and schedules regarding tax-exemptions, irrigation-privileges, etc., similar to those mentioned in the Tiruvālangādu plates of Rājēndra-Chōla I. After the description of the boundary-line, the verse which is engraved on the seal of this copper-plate grant is also repeated here, to stress the fact that the foregoing charter was the order of king Vīrarājēndradēva.

Section IV (ll. 192-211).

This section constitutes the concluding portion of the record and contains the names of the signatories, imprecatory verses and such other routine matters. The name of the adhikārigal who drafted this order is given as Gunanidi-Arulmoliyār alias Mīnavan-Mūvēndavēlār of Parakēsarinallūr in Tirunaraiyūr-nādu, a sub-division of Kshatriyašikhāmani-vaļanādu, a district of Šēla-mandalam. The tirumandira-ēlai officers were Tēnamayan Pāpanāšan alias Vīrašrīvallabha-Brahmādhirājan of Kāyākkudi, a brahmadēya in Kurumbūr-nādu, a sub-division of

See the table given at page 128 of Trav. Archl. Series, Vol. III.

² The 'adoption' theory has been ably refuted by Mr. K. V. S. Ayyar in aute, Vol. XXII, p. 272. Whether Kulöttungs's succession was peaceful or was attended with civil war and bloodshed has also been the subject of much

³ Virarājēndra was staying in the same place while issuing another record (S. I. I., Vol. IV, p. 60). A palace named Sōlakēraļan-māligai and thrones called Rājēndrasōla-Māvalivāņarājan and Abhimānarāman are also referred to in his inscriptions (Nos. 182 of 1915 and 462 of 1908).

^{*} See Ln. 1 on page 264.

Jayangondasöla-valanādu and Arulmoli-Rājendrasõlan alias Jananātha-Vilupparaiyan of Sēnda-mangalam in Vīrasõla-valanādu.

The composer of the Sanskrit prašasti was a certain Chandrabhūshaņa-Bhatta who is referred to later by the paraphrased name of Šašibhūshaņa-Paņģita. He is evidently identical with Chandrašēkharabhūshaņa-Bhatta ahas Vīrarājēndra-Brahmādhirājan mentioned in an inscription of the king from Gangaikondašōlapuram, where a large number of the king's officers are enumerated, among whom Gunanidhi-Arulmoli alias Mīnavan-Mūvēndavēlar of the present record also finds mention. A certain Chandrabhūshaṇa-Paṇḍita figures in two records from the Bellary District dated in A. D. 1054 and 1068, and it is possible he was identical with the composer of this copper-plate grant. In collaboration with this panegyrist, the officer named Madhurāntaka-Brahmādhirāja is said to have drafted this copper-plate charter finally, and got it engraved by Saūkaran-Kāḍāḍi alias Karuṇākara-Āchāriyan, a Tachchāchāriyan of Kuvalālam in Kuvalāļa-nāḍu.

A few imprecatory verses are then quoted, and along with them there is one more verse in the Malini-metre added here, as an exhortation made by king 'Rājarāja' whose head is ornamented with the lotus-feet of Hara, enjoining all future kings to protect this charity. As this reminds us of the title 'Sivapādašēkhara' borne by the Chōļa king Rājarāja I, it appears probable that like the supplicatory verse ending with 'yāchatē Rāmabhadraḥ' this Chōļa king also got a similar verse composed for use in Chōļa documents. Or as an alternative, it may be suggested that the verse refers to Vīrarājēndra himself, who is given the titles 'Rājādhirājan' and 'Rājarājap' in the Tirumukkūḍal inscription,' in which ease the attribute used in this verse may be understood as indicating simply the king's intense devotion to Hara.'

Among the place-names mentioned in the record, the village Chērām in Puli-nādu may be identified with Chārāla in the Punganur taluk of the Chittoor District, where the copper-plate set was discovered. Rattapādikondašōla-mandalam, which took the new name from the time of Rājēndradēva who conquered Rattapādi, is represented by the tract of country round about Punganur in the Chittoor District, and the adjoining Chintamani taluk of the Mysore State. There was also another sub-division known by the name of Rattapādikondašōla-vaļanādu in the Pudukkottai State. The names occurring in the description of boundaries are too vague to be identified now.

TEXT.

[For metres of verses I—81 see above, Vol. XVIII, p. 31.]

First Plate.

- 1 Svasti Śri[h *] Yah karttā jagad-ut(d)bhava-sthiti-layān-ut(d)bhūtayā līlayā yō vāchām-adhināyakas-śrayati yan su-
- 2 rvajňat aikāšrayā [|*] yat(d)-bhakti-pravaņair apāya vishamas-tāryyō bhav āmbhōni-dhir-ddēyād vas sa vi-
- 3 bhūtim-indu-sakal-āpāļō Bhavānīpatih |||-1 |||- Māyām-āyāminīm yō vahati jagad-idam ranjayantīm jayantīm jānan-ā-

^{18.} I. I., Vol. IV, No. 529, L 27.

^{*}Ibid., 1, 20.

^{*} Auts, Vol. XXI, p. 232, 1, 7.

^{*} S. I. I., Vol. IX, Nos. 113 and 143.

^{*} King Parantaka also describes himself as 'Smarari-charanambuja-sekhara'—(8, I. I., Vol. II, p. 385).

* The Tabsildar of Punganur, who was addressed, has not been able to render much help in this matter.

4 jñāna-prasūti(tim) sphuţa-ruchi-vapushā yōgabhāj-āgabhājā []*] satv-ā-satv-ānukampī sthita¹-mudita-mahā-tāpa-śū-

nām pašūnāni Šambhus šam-bhugna-pāpa-vyatikriti bhavatas sa prapātāt prapātāt |||-2 |||- Chakrē chakrēņa

- 6 daitya-prakaram atibulam yas-samastam samastam pātā pātāļa-mūl-āhita-Balir anišam bhāsurāṇām surāṇām []*] sa-
- 7 dyas-sa dyatv-agham võ Harir akhila-jagad-rakshanêna kshanêna svairam svair-amsalêśair-iva dharani-
- 8 gatais-sambhavat(d)bhir-bhavat(d)bhi[h] |||- 3 |||- Adau devas-sisrikshām-upanata-sama-yah pratyavēksh-
- 9 ām-adabhrām-bibhrat(d)=viśv-ādhināthas-samuchita-samay-ārambham²-umbhas-sasarjja [|*] tusmin=nikshipya bijan-nijam-ajara-aba-
- 10 lain sa trilöki-karandam-brahmändan-tena ehakre vyadhita vidhim-api srashtum-ishtam vidhëyam |||-4 |||- Tasmā-
- 11 j=jätas-tadänim sakalam-api jagat sa-prapancham Virincham(chah) kurvvan⁴ durvväraviryän=ajanayad-aparan Brahmana[h*] karm-
- 12 ma-nishthān[]*] tēshām-ēkas-tv-asēshair-api Vidhi-vibhavair-ggarbhitō nirbhara-śrīrvvishvag-rōchir-mMarīchis-tribhuvana-
- 13 bhavanam sanchakāsanchakāra |||-5 |||- Tasmāt(d=) vismēra-patmā(dmā)sana-nayana-chaya-spashţa-drishţ-orijita-śrīś-śrē-
- 14 yas-sampatti-bhājān-dhuri gaņita-guņaḥ Kaśyapa[ħ] paśyakō-bhūt []*] anyöny-önmarddanēna śriyam-iha dadhatō
- 15 yat-prasūtās=sur-ādyā nirvvyājan=nirjjayanti prachuram=upachitān=amburāšēs=taram-gān |||-6 ||| Tasmāj=jātas=tadā-
- 16 nīm samayakrit-a(d-a)samas-svaih prabhāvair udārair-vvišva-trāņa-pravīņais-satatamatitarān-nīrijayan svān-Vi-
- 17 vasvān []*] nidrā-mudrā-vibhēdam prathamam-anubhavan-yanmayūkh-ābhimaršād= dhātur-vaktr-āravindais-saha saka-
- 18 ļa-guros-satma(dma)-patma(dma)n-chakāśē |||-7 |||- Yasy-odasyat(d)bhir-ārād-avatama-sam-ati-vyātatair-amšu-jālair-bhāsva-

Second Plate; First Side.

- 19 t-kārttasvar-āudam prathamam-abhigaļat kāļim-ēv-ābabhāsē []*] yat(d)-bimbah karņutkātvam nivahati kiraņaih kē-*
- 20 sarair-ahita-śrīr-ut(d)gāḍhair-ddig-daļ-aughair-uparachita-ruchö vyōma-pankēruhasya |||-8 |||- Ētasy-ā-
- 21 bhūt=tanūjō Manur=amaļa-tanur=bhūbhujām bijam=ādyam yēn=aikāntēna yōgān=nunibhir=abhihitā māna-
- 22 v-īyam praj-ēti [[*] lōkānām-ēka-vandyaḥ pravidhad-atulam šarmma dharmma-prapañchair-bhāsvān bhāsvat-suta-

¹ TAS has hits instead of sthits. [TA Sindicates the readings given in the Transactive Archaeological Series, Vol. III, No. 34, as made out from the Kanyākumari inscription.]

TAS has jagud-arambham instead of camay-arambham.

³ TAS has njam-akhilam instead of ajara-balam.

^{*} TAS has briten instead of kerceta.

^{*} TAS has avatamusu-tati which is obviously a misreading for avatamusum ati-.

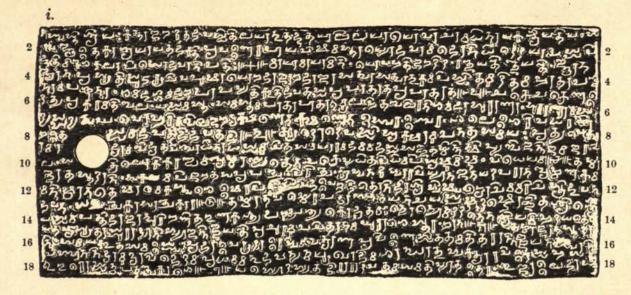
Of the syllable & only the # sign appears in this line, while the letter & occurs in the next.

- tvāt pitaram-iha1 sutam vah2 prakāšichakāra | | | 9 | | | Tasy-Ēkshvākur-abhūd-yašōbhiramalair-ddikshv=ātatai-
- ś-śōbhitas-sūnus-sānushu bhūbhritām sura-gaņair-yyat-kirttir-ut(d)gīyatē [[*] yasy-āmitranarādbīrāja-virahā-
- j-jaitram-mahas-sarvvatō durvvāra*-prasaram vyajēshta balavan-Mitrasya tējah param |||-10 |||- Tasy=abhūt=tana-
- 26 yas-samunnata-nayah prekshi Vikukshin njip54 raksham-akshata-vikramas-samakarot kshmämandalasy=äsya yah []*] a-
- 27 nyönya-pravimarddanēna mahatī yā pārtthivair-llabhyatē tām sūtē šśri(śri)yam-aśramam kshitibhritärh yat-pā-
- dayőr-ánatih | | |-11 | | | Putras-tasya Purañjayas-samabhavat samgrámam-ájanmu(gmu)shāñ-jētā bhūmibhujāñ-ji-
- gishur-asurān jajūča [sa] mānyas-tatah [[*] Jambh[ā*]rim vrishabham vidhāya kakudē sthule-sya yas=samsthita-
- 30 s-tad-devair-adhika-pramoda-gaditām praptah Kakusth-abhidām |||-12 |||- Prithurbabhū[v=ā]tra kulē kul-ādriņā
- 31 samas-samast-avanipāla-vandita[h] [|*] vivēda yasmin=nripatau sa-nandadhu(thu)r=nna věpadhu[r]=nn=āpi cha yāchituñ=jana[h]* |||-
- 32 13 | | Amushmin=varhse=bhūn=mahati Kuvalāsvo narapati[r]=Harēr*=vvīryair=ddhuryynir=ati-nibhritam=ut(d)bhāsita-tanu-
- 33 h [|*] sa Dhundhun-daityēndram bahaļa-sikatā-sindhu-pihitam hitam lökāy-āsmai vidadhad=avadhid-u[ddha]-
- Varisë-sminn-ut(d)babhūv-āt(d)bhuta-ma[hi]ma-bhara-bhrājitasy-34 ta-balah | | -14 āmarārēr-amsō visvambhar-ārtti-prasama-
- nam=anišam karttum=utsiddha-kīrttih [[*] Māndhātā nāma rājā jana-nayana-mah-ānanda-35 sandōha-dāyī yasy=ādharmma-kshayāya
- 36 vyacharad-ati-javāch-chakram-āchakravāļāt |||-15 |||- Tāsmin-nripē parama-tējasi šūsatimām bhūmiñ=chachāra harinā
- 37 Harinas-sah-api [[*] sarvō mithas-sahajam-apy-ajahāt(d)=virōdhan-dharmmas-ty-adharmma-virahān-na tathā chakāra |||-

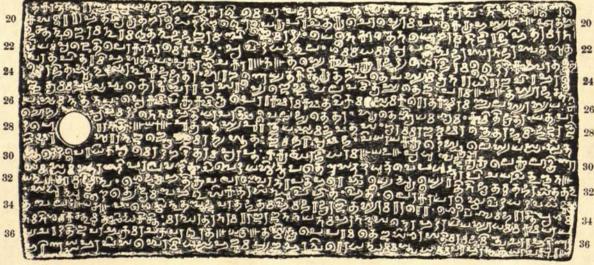
Second Plate; Second Side.

- 16 |||- Udayam=iha dadhānas=sat(d)-guņair=ēdhamānas=satatam=asad-apāyē vritdhi(ddhi)maty=anvayayē [*] udajani Muchukundah
- kundah(kunda)-gaurair=yyasōbhih parinata iva chandraś-śōbhamānō mayūkhaih |||-17 |||-39 Sa trātun=tridivan=trivishtapa-
- sadān=nāthēna yūthanvishām hantum samprayiyāsat=āti-tarasā sanchöditah prānchitah 40 []*] nirnnidras-tad-aharnnisan-da-
- 41 nusutān=nighnann-avighnan=nripas-tēshām svarggam-ativa-durggam-akarod-yuddha hatanam api | | -18 | | - Asmin=va-
 - 1 TAS has free which is the correct reading.
 - 3 TAS has you instead of yes.
- The corresponding reading in TAS is doubtful, though it has been given as drisht-att-prasurum.
- Bend Vikukahî nripā. TAS has Vikukahliravē.
- * TAS has the same reading, but it is corrected into jumpe.
- The intended reading of the last pada of this verse seems to be : = nna repitus == api cha yachitus = janab.
- 7 TAS has harid-virgguir-ddhurgair which appears to be the correct reading.
- * Rend yüthan deisham.

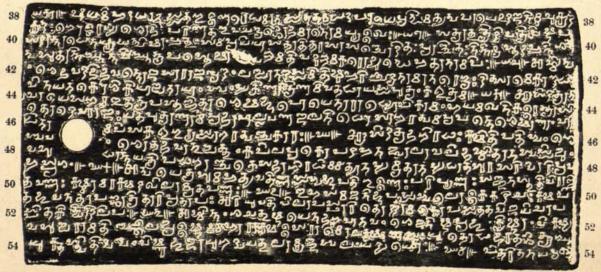
CHARALA PLATES OF VIRARAJENDRADEVA; SAKA 991 AND 7TH YEAR. (I).



ii,a.



ii,b.



iii,b.

iv,a.

- 42 mśē=bhavad=abhibhavann=ōjasā rājabri(vri)ndam labdh-ānandas= samitishu Hariśchandranāmā narēndraḥ []*] ditsām=ēkām dadhad=a-
- 43 pi nayan Kauśikīyān-dhanāyām¹ svam vyakrīņāt=tṛiṇam=iva tathā yas=sa-putram kalatram |||-19 |||- Āsīd=atr=ānva-
- 44 vāyē Sagara iti nripas=tarjjit-āšēsha-bhūpō yēn=ārādhyō=pi² kāmam haya-makha-nikarais³ =trāsi-
- 45 tō Dēvarājaḥ [|*] yat-putrāṇām prabhāvāl=lavaṇa-jalanidhau sāgaratvam prapannē śēshāṇām vāri-
- 46 dhīnām=api sakaļa-gurus=sāgaratvañ=chakāra |||-20 |||- Āsīd=atra Bhagīrathaḥ kshitipatirvvamśē
- 47 sva-vamś-ot(d)bhavān=uddharttum Kapila-prakōpa-dahana-jvāl-āvalī-bhasmitān [|*] svassindhum
- 48 vasudhān=nayan=Tripathagān=chakrē sa Bhāgīrathīm=ma[r*]tyān=apy=amritān vyadhāt surasarid-vāri-pravā-
- 49 ha-sprišam |||-21 |||- Anvayē=tra sumahaty=avatīrņņas=sarvva-bhūpati-guņaih paripūrnņah []*] sajjana-stuti-virāji-
- 50 ta-varnnah kshmām=arakshad=akhilām=Rita(tu)parnnah |||-22 |||- Iha samajani bhūpas= sarvva-lök-aika-dīpah kshapi-
- 51 ta-bhuvana-tāpaś=śātrit⁴-āri-pratāpaḥ [|*] ari-yuvati-vilāpas=sphārit-ōddāma-kōpas=satata-vijayi-chāpa[ḥ*]-
- 52 sphīta-kīrttir=**Ddilī**paḥ |||-23 |||- Asminn=amśa-chatushṭayēna bhagavān vamśē=janishṭa prabhuḥ klishṭām vīkshya
- vasundharām=atibalair=brashṭair⁵=mahā-rākshasaiḥ [|*] Rāmō Lakshmaṇa-saṃyutō=tha Bharataś=Śa[tru]ghna-
- 54 yuktas=tv=iti* dvandvam Vishņubhujā-yuga-dvaya-tulām=ūrjjasvalam yad=yayau |||-24 |||- Pitari tanaya-vritta-

Third Plate ; First Side.

- 55 m bhrātrishu bhrātri-vrittam yuvatishu pati-vrittam śātravē śa[tru]-vrittam [|*] munishu nripati-vrittam bāndhavē bandhu-
- 56 vrittam sakalam⁷=akhila-nāthaś=śikshayāmāsa lōkam |||-25 |||- Na krōdhēna jaghāna Rāk-shasa-patim kāmē-
- 57 na na prēyasīm sa pratyāhritavān=mahīśa-charitam kārtsnyēna chakrē param [|*] nō chēt kin=tapasi sthitam
- 58 sa Malayē śūdrañ=jaghān=āsinā kim v=ānatyaya-kānti-dhrity-upachitān=tatyāja Sītām punaḥ* |||-26 |||- Sētu-
- 59 n=nētum kapi-balam=asau baddhavān⁹=naikam=abdhau chakrē vakrētara-guņa-nidhir= dharmma-sē[tū]n=aśēshā-

* TAS has adopted asymptotic for easy congression

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All TAS has Sunt instead of budget.

¹ TAS has the same reading; but it should be corrected into Kauśikīy-arthanāyam, as has been suggested above, Vol. XVIII, p. 36.

² TAS has āra[bdhē]=pi.

³ TAS has nikarē.

⁴ Read śātit-āri- as in TAS.

⁵ Read =ddhrishtair= as in TAS.

⁶ TAS has yukta[s=suta].

⁷ The syllable ka is engraved above the line.

⁸ TAS has [dru]ta[m] for punah.

⁹ TAS has bandhayan for baddhavan.

- 60 n []*) kēturii hēturii vibudha-vipadārii vyāpadā[n=dā]navīnārii Rāmarii kāmarii kathayati janas-sadguņānān-nidhā-
- 61 mam |||-27 |||- Asmin-vamsē-jani vidaļayann-öjasā bhūpa-yūthañ¹→Chōļō nāma kshitipatir-atisphīta-
- 62 rājanya-kālaḥ []*] yasy-āśēshām=avanim=avatō rājadhānīm=iva svān² līl-ōdyānais=tulanam =adadhus²=sarvva-
- 63 taḥ kānanāni :|||-28 |||- Viharan sa Hara-prabhaḥ kadāchin-muni-bri(vri)nd-ādhynshitēshu kānanēshu [|*] anayan*
- 64 vinay-āśrayō vihāra-pratilabdh-āvasarāņi vāsarāņi |||-29 |||- Kadāchana mṛiga-vraja- pramathana-pra-
- 65 galbh-ādaraš*=chachāra vipin-āntarēshv=anati-bhūri-sainyaḥ kshamī [[*] tadā sa mrīgarūpiņā jhatīti kēna-
- 66 chid-rakshasā hritō haritam=anvagāt prakriti-dakshinō dakshinām |||-30 |||- Mrigan=tam=anugachchatā prajavi-
- 67 nā šanair-vvājinā prithu-druma-samākulam vipinam-anyad-āsāditam tam[†] []*] tamanvayur-anārata-pravitata-pra-
- 68 yāņ-önmukhā javēna rabhas-ötpatat-prithu-varūthinī-nāyakāḥ |||-31 |||- Tam hatvā rajanicharam
- 69 sa tatra bhūpaḥ Kāvērīm-anu vichachāra bhūri-chāraḥ [[*] kshīr-āmbhōnidhi-mathanāt surair-avāptam pī-
- 70 yūsham bhuvi salila-chchhalād-vahantīm :|||-32 |||- Tatra stā(snā)tvā dita(t)sur-artthan-dva(dvi)jēbhyō n-āpašyat-tān-vašya-
- 71 chittas-tadānīm []*] Āryyāvarttād=vipra-varyyān=udagrān*=ānīy=ā[syā] vāsayāmāsa* tīrē : |||-33 |||- Vipinam=a-
- 72 khilañ-chhitvä pügais-chakāra vanam-mahat-tad-anu vidadhē dhīras-sāraṁ sa-nāgalatākulam [[*] upavana-chayai-

Third Plate; Second Side.

- 73 r=anyair=ddhanyaiḥ Kavēra-sutā-taṭa-dvaya-vasumatīm=ēka-chchhāyām=anēka-phalām vyadhāt |||- A-
- 74 mara-sariti snānam bhūyas-tapaś-charaņañ-janā vidadhati taţē tasyāḥ kriebchhran=tri-vishṭapa-kāmyayā [[*] iha virachitam
- 75 snűnam ghöran-tapaś-cha surálayád-api subhatarē tirē väsam sthirikurutē satām |||-35 |||-Anvasat-tam-anu Rā-
- 76 jakësari väsarādhipa iv=āsama-dyutih [[*] Chōlabhūpa-tanayō nay-ādhikah kshōnīm=ā-jaladhi bādhit-āhita[h]¹¹

¹ TAS has raja-brindan=

² Read svam as in TAS.

^{*} TAS has adadhas which is a wrong form.

^{*} Read anayad: as in TAS.

^{*} TAS has vibudh-āśrayō instead of vinay-āśrayō.

^{*} TAS has prabhu(phu)ll-adaran(s)=.

⁷ This tam is superfluous,

[.] TAS has a[néka]s instead of adagras.

^{*} TAS has -adhyavasayamasa for -asya vasayamasa,

¹⁹ TAS has r[ase] instead of Hee.

¹¹ TAS has tapit- instead of badhit ..

- 77 [||-36 |||- Tat-sutas=tu Parakēsarī nripō matsari-kshitipa--vīryya-śātanaḥ¹ [|*] sat-sakhah kshitim=imām=apālayat(d)
- 78 bhartsit-āsura-nikāya²-vikramaḥ |||-37 |||- Asmin=vamsē **Mṛityujin**=nāma rājā mrityōr= ijētā pātit-ārāti-va-
- 79 rggah [|*] jajñē yajñair=ājñayā va(cha) prakāman=dēvāñ=chhatrūnms³=tōshayan bhrēshayamś=cha:|||-38 |||- Asmin=vamśē Vī-
- 80 rasēn-ābhidhānō jātō nīt-āśēsha-lōk-ābhitāpah [[*] rējē rājā tējasā bhānu-tulyah kalyā-
- 81 ņānām=mandiram sundar-āmgaḥ |||-39 |||- Chitrō nāma kshitipatir=abhūt=tatra vamśē= dhika-śrīr=vvitrast-ā-
- 82 ri-prakara-vinati-vyakta-vichchhinna-köpaḥ [|*] Vrittrārātir=jjhaṭiti samarē nirjjitō* yasya bāṇair=mmitrī-
- 83 bhūtas=satatam=abhajat(d)=**Vyāghrakētu-**ddhvajatvam |||-40 |||- Avanim=akhila-pārāvāra-dhī(tī)r-ābhirām-ōpa-
- 84 ratim=avirata-śrīś=śāsitum=nāśit-āriḥ [|*] nija-bhuja-bala-līlā-krishṭa-rājanya-lakshmir=iha samajani vamśē bhū-
- 85 patih Pushpakëtuh || |-41 || |- Asmin=vamse Ketumäl-abhidhano jato raj=Ājatasatru-pra-
- 86 kāśaḥ [|*] hritvā sarvva-kshmābhritām kētu-mālām yēn=āvāptam Kētumāl-ābnidhānam |||-42|||- Samudraji-
- 87 n=nāma narādhirājō babhūva vamsē=tra visāla-vīryyaḥ [|*] pūrvv-āpar-āmbūōnidhini(mi)śranēna paņēna Madrē-
- 88 śa-sutām sa lēbhē : | | |-43 | | | Śrīmaty=atra kulē babhūva mahita-śrīh Panchap-ākhyō nripō-nirvvyāj-āti-
- 89 thi-pūjan-ōrjjita-manā yakshān sa pañch=ātithīn []*] vidhyā(ddhvā) pañcha sirās=svaśōnitam=asau tair-yāchitas=sa-8
- 90 tvara[m] köshna[n=ta]t sakalān=apāyayad=atas=tat-pālanāt Panchapah || -44 || -44 || -Abhavad=vibhavair=jayan=digi-

Fourth Plate; First Side.

- 91 śān=iha vamśē nripatis=sitāmśu-kāntaḥ [|*] Dramidas⁹=sa Mridasya samprasādād=ajayan= mrityum=anatyaya-
- 92 prabhāvaḥ |||-45 |||- Atr-ābhū[d=a*]mala-guṇaḥ kulē-tula-śrīs-tējasvī samiti **Manōrath**ābhidānaḥ [|*] yō hatvā
- 93 jhatiti manõrathān=arīṇām bandhūnām=akuruta sat-phalān balēna: |||-46 |||- Ētasmin Parunetkili-
- 94 prabhritayō vamśē dharādhīśvarā bhūyāmsas=tulit-Āmarēśvara-bala-śśrī(śrī)-vikramā jajñirē [|*] yēshām=ā-ja-
- 95 ladhi kshamām samavatāmio vyāptam yašobhiś=śubhair=ā-brahmānda[m=a]khanda-dēśa-samayam viśvañ=jagad=rājatē: |||-47 |||-

¹ TAS has matsa[rītam=a]nivāryya-śāsanah.

² The corresponding reading in TAS is uncertain.

³ Here n is superfluous. Read =chhatrūms=

^{*} TAS has lok-ahita[&cha].

⁵ TAS has tarjjito.

⁶ TAS has jāta-śam[pā-pra]kāśaḥ.

⁷ TAS has [panyē]na..... śa-sutām [sa]lo[bhah].

⁸ TAS has sādaram.

[&]quot; TAS has nrimridas ...

¹⁰ TAS has sapatana-, which is ill-suited in the present context.

- 96 Asmin kulë kula-dharadhara-sannikasah kas-opamana-vitat-oru-yasah-pratanah []*] äsit kshitisa-tilakah Ka-
- 97 rikāla-nāmā Chōlas-samuddhata¹-ripu-kshitipāla-kālaḥ |||-48 |||- Sa Kāvērīn-dūrikritasekala-sasyāti vidadhatīm
- 98 payaḥ-pūrais-sphārair-avanim-avinīt-ōddhati-haraḥ [[*] pratīrībhūtābhir-nnarapati-šira-[h*]-ślishta-pitaka-prakīrnnābhir-mmrit(d)bhir-nnyaru-
- 99 [nad-A]run-āgrēsara-samam(maḥ) :||| 49 |||- Asmin kulē sakala-pārtthiva-vandya-pādō jātōbhijāta-guna-sam-
- 100 hati- brimhita-árih [|*] űrjjasval-őt(d)bhata-nij-ápratima-pratápas-santápit-ári-áalabhő Valabhő mahísah |||-
- 101 50 |||- Ih-ānvayē-bhūd-Amarēša-tulyah parāsta-vidvaj-jana-tāpa-šalyah []*] samasta-rājānaka-bhūri-vallabhah*
- 102 kshamādhināthō Jagadēkamallaḥ |||-51 |||- Vamsē-sminn-ari-rāja-vandita pada-dvandvāravindah kshamī rājā Vyāļabhayam-
- 103 karah samabhavat sünös=samänö ravēh [[*] dör-ddand-änchita-khadga-khandita-ripör= yasy-örjjita-ári-jushah
- 104 köp-ägni[r*=]dvishad-amgan-äáru-salilais-siktah param sämyati :|||-52 |||- Anvayē-tra Vijayālaya-nāmā sārvvabhūma³
- 105 sakala-kshiti-nāthaḥ [j*] yat-pad-āmburuha-yugmam-ajasram šākharīkritam-ašēsha- mahīśaih |||-53 |||- Nivēšayām[ā]-
- 106 sa sa Chōļa-dēśē nivēśit*-āśēsha-guņa-pravriddhām []*] Kañjāsan-ādyair-amaraih pragītāñ-Tañchāpurī-nāma pu-
- 107 rin=narēndraḥ |||-54 |||- Ādityavanmā(rmm=ā)bhavad=asya putraḥ Kōdaṇdarām-ābhi-tayāḥ³ prasiddhaḥ []*] utplutya matta-dvirad-ēndra-
- 108 samsthañ=jaghāna yaḥ Pallavarājam=ājau: |||-55 |||- Asy=ābhūt=tanayaḥ parākramavatām= ēkādhipah kshmā-

Fourth Plate : Second Side.

- 109 bhujām vīrašrī-nilayaḥ Parāntaka iti khyātaḥ kshamādhīšvaraḥ []*] vēl-ödyāna-vihāribhir-mmadakaļair-yyam² vā-
- 110 ran-ādhīšvarair-vvāsyantē mada-sindhubhih pratidišam pāthāmsi pāthōnidhēh | 11-56 | 11- Ha-
- 111 tv=āšu Pāņdyam=akbilēna balēna sākam hritvā tadīyam=akhilam vasu vīryašālī []*] bhasmichakāra Ma-
- 112 dhurām yad=adhah-krit-ārir=llēbhē 'natas=sa Madhurāntaka-nāmadhēyam |||-57 |||- Yaj= jīgāya Vijay-ōpama-
- 113 dyutih Krishnarājam=ajitan=narādhipaih [|*] bhūri-vikrama-vivarddhita-dyutir=Vīra-Chōļa iti tēna kīrttyatē |||-58 |||- Yat=tī-
- 114 rapair-jjalanidhim-uddhatai[r*]=bal-aughais-samyattān samiti jaghāna Simhaļēšān [[*]
 tat-sarvva-kahitipa-
- 115 ti-vandyamāna-pādas-sō-nvartthām-abhajata Simhaļāntak-ākhyām [j]-59 [j]- Drishţāntaḥ kō-sya rājñas-sakala-guna-

¹ TAS has sumutthitu.

^{*} TAS has rajantaka-hhūri-bhallah.

^{*} Read sambabhara as in TAS.

^{*} TAS has navinat-ūščeha-,

^{*} Read = ābhidhnyā,

^{*} Read =yyad=co" as in TAS.

² Read totas - as in TAS.

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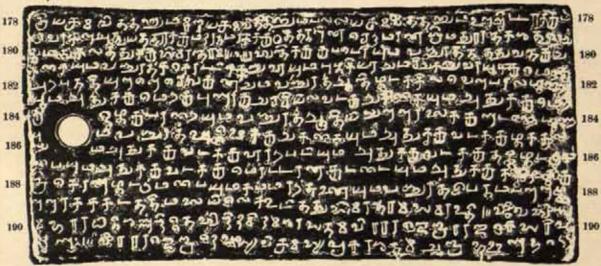


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vi,b.



vii,a.

- 116 nidhēś-šaknuyāt kō-sya vaktum bhūya[h*] ślāghyān guņ-aughān-upaśamita-ripōr-vvikramaik-āspadasya [|*]
- 117 yō vit(d)vat(d)-vipra-bhōgyān-anupama-vibhavān=Vīranārāyan-ādyān=atyagryān-agrahārān=vyadhita vidhir=iva sva-
- 118 rggam=ast-āri-varggah |||-60 |||- Amushya tanayō=bhavat(d) vibhur= Arindam-ākhyō nripah kshapākara-sama-dyuti[h] kshapi-
- 119 ta-vairi-paksh-ötkarah [l*] yadiya-bhuja-vikrama-śravana-sambhavat- sāddha(sādhva)sairnnripair-avanibhrit(d)-guhā-griha-ni-
- 120 vāsibhi[h] sthiyatē |||-61|||- Asakrid=akrita rājnas=svairam=ājnā-vidhēyām=vyadhita Vidhi-samānas=sam-
- 121 padam sajjanānām []*] atanuta nuta-vīryyō vyāpadam šātravāņām-atulayad-atula-śriśchandra-kāntim sva-kāntyā: []]-
- 122 62 |||- Asya sünur-abhavat Parāntakas santata-kshapita-vairi-santatih [|*] chintayanvad-udayam sa-sadhvasah
- 123 Păndya-bhūpatir-alanghayat(d) girim |||-63 |||- Chakāra kārāsu ripūn-aśēshāms-tatāra bhūrīn samar-ām-
- 124 burāšīn [[*] jahāra tāpam budha-samhatīnān-tatāna santāpam-asajjanānām [[]-64 [[]-Akhila-guna-
- 125 nidhānāt(d) bhūmipālād=amushmād-udajani naranāthō Rājarāj-ābhidhānaḥ [[*] sa khalu ruchira-dōhah kānta-nō-
- 126 tr-ăravindo Dhanada iti param yad=Răjarăjena tulyah |||-65 |||- Sañjahāra samare sa părtthiyan=u-

Fifth Plate; First Side.

- 127 jjahāra vipadas sa bhūtaļāt [1*] ājahāra cha makhān-anēkašō vyājahāra yad-asūnritanna tat []-66 []-
- 128 Saty-āsrayē sthiratarē bata Rājarājē Satyāsrayaḥ kila palāyata manda-buddhiḥ []*] natyā jayanti
- 129 sa-bhayā ripavas-tam-ājau na tyājayaty-ayam-asūn-aribhiś-śriyas-taiḥ |||-67 |||- Tasya
- 130 nur-anayasya śűsítű Pākaśāsana iv-āri-śāsanah []*] Śambarāri-ruchir-ākritir-nnripas-sambabhū-
- 131 va Madhurāntak-ābhidhaḥ |||-68 |||- Ajayad=ajita-vīryyaś-śa-uryya-saundaryya-śālī Vijaya iva sapa-
- 132 nnā(tnā)n Kunda(nta)|ānām-adhīšān [|*] aharata sa kiriṭam ksbatriyāṇān-nihantu[ḥ] prasabham-abhihat-ārir-jJāmada-
- 133 [gnya]sya vīryyāt |||-69 |||- Jahāra hāran=tuhināmśu-kāntam Satakratōr=vvikrama-nirjji-tārih [|*] vihā-
- 134 ra-bhūmin-nija-sainikānām sa ch-ākarōt samyati Mānyakēṭam |||-70 |||- Sva-sēnādhīšā-
- 135 n-apratihata-Kulūt-Otkalapatih Kalimgān-Vamgēndrais!-saha bahaļa-vīryyān vidaļayan [[*] sa
- 136 Gamgām=ut(d)garjjan=nija-kari-ghaţā-ghātita²-taţān(n)=ghaṭair=jahrē bhūbhṛin-makuṭa-nihitair=uddhṛi-
- 137 ta-jalām [||-71 |||- Ullamgbit-āmbudhibhir-uddhata-bāhu-vīryyair-nnirddhūta-[vai]ri-naranātha-bala-prapanchaih [[*]

¹ TAS has Vimi-indrais, which has been rightly guessed to be meant for Vasy-indrais, above, Vol. XVIII, 245 n.

^{*} TAS has pătita.

- 138 sainyair=ddadāha sa Kaṭāham-adaddha(gdha)m-anyai Rajēndra-Chōļa-nṛipatiḥ kim-asāddhyam-asya: | | | -72 | | | Tasy-ā-
- 139 sams=tanayās=trayas=traya iva khyātāḥ kratör=agnayaḥ¹s=tēshān=tu prathamaḥ kshitīša-tilakō Rājādhirā-
- 140 jö nripaḥ [[*] yaḥ Kalyāṇapuran-dadāha nripatīn=nirjjitya Karnnāṭakān-ādāy-Ahavamalla-vāraṇa-ghaṭām Kö-
- 141 lläpurañ-ch-akshinōt |||-73 |||- Tasmin gatë tridivam-uddhrita-lōka-śōkas-tasy-anujah kshitim-imam-akhi-
- 142 lām-arakshat []*] Rājēndradēva-nripatis-sa ripūn-ašēshān Šēsh-opam-ot(d)bhata-bhujaḥ praļayari vyanai-
- 143 shit |||-74 |||- Tasmin=yātē tridivam-anujas-tasya nistējit-āriḥ prājyam rājyam vyadhitā vidhivat(d) Virarā-

Fifth Plate; Second Side.

- 144 jēndradēvaḥ [|*] atyut(d)bhūtam samadhika-balō Rājarājēndradēvaś-śatru-vrātam vyajayata javāt(d)-bāhyam-ā-
- 145 bhyantarañ=cha:|||-75 |||- Hatvä Küţala-samgamē kshitibhritah Karnnāṭa²-vamš-ōt(d)-bhavān sainyam yajñabhujām prava-
- 146 rddhayati yas-tair-ddēvabhūyam gataih [|*] yēn-aikēna gajēna Kuntaļa-balan-nirhatya tach-chhōnitaih kritv-ānyām sa-
- 147 ritam samudra-paritām santoshito vāridhih |||-76 |||- Bhrātribhyām samupēkshitam-jana-padam vamsa-kram-ābhyāga-
- 148 tam krāntam vairi-mahišvarair-atibalair-vVēmgin(n)=Kahi[m]gān-api []*] jitvā šatru-param-parām-atibalām bhitvā cha
- 149 durgga(rggā)n⁴ bahūñ=cha⁵ árīmān-Vallabha-Vallabhaḥ kshitipatiḥ kshēmēņa tam sō=nvašāt |||-77 |||- Vīrachōļa-nripatih Kari-
- 150 kālah kālayan kali-balam sakaļam sah []*] dharmma-sāsana-samuchchayam-uchcharm vyātanōt(d)-Bharatasāra-samētam |||-
- 151 78 |||- Dēvasy=Ādrisutādhipasya mahatas=Trailōkyasār-ābhidham śrīmad-Dabhrasabhā-naṭasya makuṭē māṇikka(kya)m=ā-
- 152 röpitam []*] manyē vairikul-ādimasya sasinas-Śrīkantha-chūdāmanēr-bhamg-ārtthan-nija-vamšakrit sa bha-
- 153 gavān bhānus samārēpitam(tah) | | | -79 | | | Chōļa-Tundīra-Pāndyēshu Gamgavāţi-Kulūta-yōh [i*] Vi-
- 154 rarājēndra-nāmn-āsau brahmadēyān-akalpayat || |-80 || |- Chatvārimšat-sahasrāni brāhma-
- 155 nānān-trayīvidda(dā)m [|*] atōshayat(d)=bhūmi-dānair=ā(a)sthāpayad-adi(ti)sthiram |||-81 |||- Svasti ērī [l*] Sakalabhuvanāšra-
- 156 ya śri-mēdiniva[1*]labha Mahārājādhirāja Paramēšvara Parama*paṭṭāraka Ravikula-tilaka Chōjakula-śē-
- 157 khara Pändyakul-äntaka Ahavamalla-kula-käla Ahavamallanai aimmadi ven-kanda Räjašēkhara Rājāśra-

¹ Here the visarga is redundant. Read agrayase.

² TAS has maneota.

^{*} Read sumudra-cavitàris as in TAS.

^{*} TAS has bhitan.

^{*} Here cha is redundant ; read bahun.

^{*} Rendo bhattaraka.

- 158 ya Rājarājēndra Vīra-chōļa Karikāla-chōļa Rājakēsarīpanma árīmat-Vīrarājēndradēva Rājakēsarī
- 159 ári-Vírarajendradevarkku yandu elavadu Sakabdan-tolayirattu-ttonnurronru mê-
- 160 r=Saumya-sam[va]tsarattu [1*] Viramēy tuņaiyāgavun-tiyāgamēy-aniyāgavuñ=chengōl≠ ōchchi-kkaruñ-
- 161 gali kadındu Tennanai-ttalai-kondu Cheranai-ttirai-kondu Singaladesam vadip-
- 162 paduttu vengalatt-Āhavamallaņai aimmadi ven-kaņdu Vēngai-nādu mīttu-

Sixth Plate; First Side.

- 163 kkondu tannudan-piranda munnavar virada-mudittu vandu-paninda Vijayādittarkku² ma-
- 164 ndalam-aruli-kkalal-adainda mannarkku-k[Kadāra]m-erindu kudutt-aruli Somīšvaranai -k-
- 165 Kannadadēšań-kaiyvida-tturatti-ttann-adainda Śalukku! Vikramādittanai endišai niga-
- 166 la-kkandigai-katti Irattapādi ēļarai-ilakkamum-erindu koduttaruļi vijaya-si-
- 167 mhasanattu Ulagamulududaiyalodum virrirund arulina *sakravattigal śri.-Virara-
- 168 jendradevar murat-Chalukkiyai Mudakkarril mudugu-kandu muniv=ariya Irattaraja-ku-
- 169 la-kālan igal Vīrarājēndran puyan-koņdu podu-nīkkiy-āļkmga Jayangoņ-
- 170 daśōla-mandalattus Eyir-köttattu nagaram Kāñchīpurattu Udaiyār Ti-
- 171 ruvēgambam=Udaiyār köyilil=ttenpakkattu tiruvõlakka-mandapam Rä-
- 172 jarājanil munbil tirukkāvaņattu eļundaruļi Uttaram-ayana-samkrānti nāpru
- 173 dānañ-cheydaruļāningu []*] mudi-kavitta muhūrttamē muhūrttam-āgav=eduttup-pōy vadiko-
- 174 |-vērpadai Vīrarājēndran vada-Kūḍal-samgamattu-ppōr=Āhavamallaņaiyum makkaļai-
- 175 yum purangandu konda Iraţţapādi-kondaśōla-mandalattu-pPuli-nāţţu=
- 176 na śrī-Madurāntaka-śaturvēdimangalattu* Brāhmanan Ātrēva-gotrattu
- 177 Bahudhanya-sütrattu? Rishikësavas-Bhatta-Somayasi(ji)yar vargattu So(Śrō)-

Sixth Plate : Second Side.

- 178 triya-Kramavittanum Mundaya-Kramavittanum Pallaya-Kramavittanum ullittärkkum
- 179 ivargal anvayattārkkum dānamāgs-kkuduttaruļiņa Chērām-āņa śrī-Madurāntaka-śa-(cha)turvvē-
- 180 dirnangalattukku simantaram |||- pürvandikku Kuppëriyum paschat Nattuvan-kuru-
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 - Read Vijayadittarku.
 - * Read Salukki.
 - * Read chakravarttigal.
- Jayangondašõja-mandalam is similarly described in another record of Vîrarajëndra dated in the 7th year from Perumbër (S. I. I., Vol. III, p. 203). For a variant see f. n. 3 on same page.
 - * Read chatureedi".
 - 7 Read Bödhäyana-sütrattu.
 - * Read Hrishikisa-Bhatta.

- 181 kkaiyum paśchāt=kKottikkaņuvāyum Pulugiyārum Śirukaņuvāykku mērku
- 182 Arpündiy-ulle Sengunrum paschāt Andimudakkil Vauvāl-pārai-
- 183 yum adukku merku Punarkuruchchiyil Vada-kurukkaiyum adukku mer-
- 184 ku Olugu-pāraiyum pašchāt Andiyiluļļālai-kKuņdarai-pārai-
- 185 yum paschāt Oshai-kkurukkaiyum adukku yadakku alukkal-
- 186 lum adukku vadakka Vā[ra]rpadiyum adukku vadakku Tanimuṭṭu-ma-
- 187 [dailyum adukku vadakku Möttän-kuttaiyum adukku-kki]akku
- 188 Trikona-muttu-madaiyum Kammara(ra)-sunaiyum pasehat Perumballam-u-
- 189 ||aga-kkadatti-malaiyilē: kūdittu [|*] sīmāntaram samāpti ||| Viśvair=vviśva-
- 190 mbharādhīśair-nnanditair-vvandida(ta)m-idam []*] śāsanam Vīrarājēndra-Rāja-kēsariva-
- 191 rmmanah || [82|| *] Virarājēndradēvasya vikramasya prakāšanam [|*] Ghandrabhūshana-Bhattē-

Seventh Plate; First Side.

- 192 na rachitam śuddha-buddhinā || [83|||*] Firuvāymoļindaruļa i-šāsanañ=cheyvit-
- 193 tar Adikarigal tiru mevumpadi-vilanga-tter-vendar-adi-vananga pali-nikki
- 194 ulag-anda viran Vi[ra*]rajēndran aļiyā-ttol-Manu-neriyāl vaļarkkinra
- 195 Söla-mandalattu Kshatrijya* jáikāmani-valanāttu-tTirunagaiyūr-nāttu-pParakēša-
- 196 rinallür kilavan Gunanidi-Arulmoliyar ana Minavan-Müvendavellar || Tiru-
- 197 mandira-ölai Jayangondasöla-valanättu-kKurumbür-nättu brahmadéyan-Kä-
- 198 yākkuģi Gu(Ku)ņģina-gotrattu Āpastambha(ba)-sūtrattu Toņamayan Pāpanāša-
- 199 n-āna Vīrasrīvallabha-Brahmādhirājan | | Nittavinoda-va|anāttu Vīrasoja-va-
- 200 Janattu Sendamangalam-udaiyan Arulmoli Rajendrasolan-ana Jana-
- 201 näda-Vilupparaiyan |||- Sāmānyō=yam dharmmam=ēta|n*l=nripāṇām² kälē kālē
- 202 päliniyö* bhavat(d)bhis(bhih) [[*] tasmād-ētān bhāvinah pārtthivēndrān bhūyō bhūyō yācha-
- 203 të Rāmabhadra[h*] ||| [84|||*]- Sukritam-idam-ajasram rakshyatë dishu dišān sakala-nri-[pi]ti-vandyas-sō=
- 204 yam-agamino vah []*] Hara-charana-sarottvamsa-chihnena murddha-mu[ka]lita-kara-panmo
- 205 vandyatē Rājarājaḥ [[]*-[85]]]*] Bahubhir=vvasudhā dattam* rājabhis=Sagarādibhih [[*] yasya yasya yadā
- 206 bhūmis-tasya tasya tadā phalam [[[86]]]*] Pariņatan-adhišayam Madhurāntaka-Brahmā-dhirājan-a-

Seventh Plate; Second Side.

- 207 [tanva] šāsanam=ēva dēša-madhyē sva-pati-kārya-vinišchyārttham buddhiḥ krita [Śaśi]bhūshaṇa-
- 208 panditēna sārddham' | [[87] [] Tiruvāymo]ind-aruļa i-šāsana-eļuttu vetti-

^{&#}x27;It is possible that the expression Kndalli malaigilf, may be the name of a hill, or it may mean 'having traversed (kndandu), it terminated (kndillu) at a hill (malai), which may have been a landmark in that locality, without however, having a specific name.

³ Read =nanditair.

² The correct reading is dharma-setar-nappasam.

[·] Read palaniyo.

^{*} The verse is defective; and the following corrections may be suggested: dikshevedhish; arigati; earôjôttames-chihêne murddhaû; mukulita; padmë; vendatë. The metre is Malini. (The intended reading of the first quarter appears to be: Sukritam-idam-ujarram rakshat-žti kshitišin.—B.C.C.)

^{*} Read datta.

^{*} This verse is also corrupt, but no corrections are suggested.

CHARALA PLATES OF VIRARAJENDRADEVA; SAKA 991 AND 7TH YEAR. (III). vii,b.

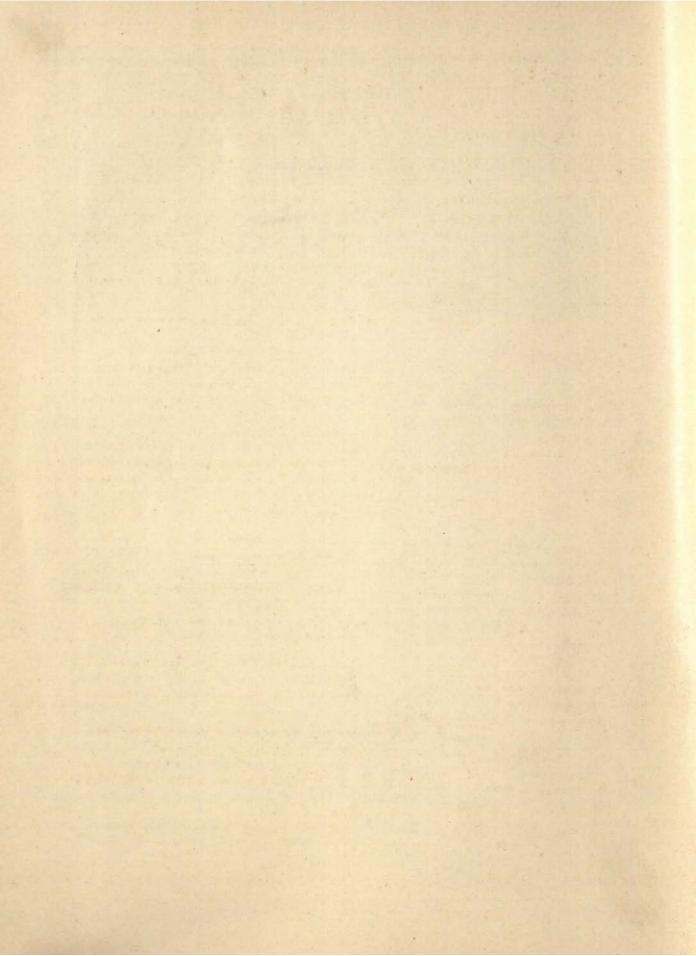


SEAL OF THE CHARALA PLATES.

SEAL OF THE
MADRAS MUSEUM PLATES OF UTTAMA-CHOLA.



From photographs (ABOUT ACTUAL SIZE).



209 nën Kuvajala-nattu-kKuvajalatt-irukkun-Tachchachariyan Sankaran Kadadi-

210 y-āna Karuņākara-Āchāriyan || ara-maravarkka [|*] [a*]ramalladu tuņai-

211 villai | | | Prāņi pariharikka | |

TRANSLATION.

(Lines 1-155)1 - Sanskrit verses I to 81.

(Ll. 155-158)—Hail! Prosperity! Sakalabhuvanāšraya, Šrimēdinīvallabha, Mahārājādhirāja, Paramēšvara, Paramabhaṭṭāraka, the forehead mark of the solar race (Ravikula-tilka), the crest-jewel of the Chōļa family (Chōļakula-šēkhara), Death to the Pāṇḍya family (Pāṇḍyakul-āntaka), Death to the family of Āhavamalla (Āhavamallakula-kāla), the foremost of kings, who saw the back of Āhavamalla five times, Rājāšraya, Rājarājēndra, Vīra-Chōļa, Karikāla-Chōļa, Rājakēsari-varman šrī-Vīrarājēndradēva—

(Ll. 159-167) In the seventh (regnal) year (corresponding to the) Saka year nine hundred and ninety-one (expired), and the (cyclic) year Saumya, of (this) Chakravarttigal Rājakēsari šrī-Vīrarājēndradēva—who, with heroism as (his) help, with liberality as (his) only ornament, wielded the sceptre, and dispelled the dark Kali (-age), took the head of Tennavan (i.e., the Pāṇḍya king), levied tribute from the Chēra (king), subdued the Siṅgala country, saw the back of Ahavamalla five times on the fierce battlefield, recovered Vēṅgai-nāḍu and (thus) fulfilled the vow of his elder brothers who were born with him, gave the territory to Vijayāditya who came and submitted to him, gave Kaḍāram after conquest to the (Kaḍāram) king who had approached his leet (i.e., submitted to him), routed Sōmēśvara so as to abandon the Kannada country, invested the Chālukya Vikramāditya with the necklet (kaṇṭhikai) so as to shine in the eight directions and bestowed on him the Iraṭṭapāḍi-Seven-and-a-half-lakh country, after conquest, and was pleased to be seated on the throne of victory, together with (his) consort Ulagamuļududaiyāl:

(Lil. 168-180) while (this) warlike Virarajendra, the god of Death to the family of the Ratta king, whose anger abated only after seeing the back of the obstinate Chalukki on (the bank of) the Mudakkāru, was pleased to be seated in the frontal portion of the audience-hall called Rājarājan in the southern portion of the temple of god Tiruvēgambam-Udaiyār at Kāñchīpuram, a nagaram in Eyir-köttam, (a sub-division) in Jayangondašōja-mandalam, which is ruled over (by the king), having been conquered by the strength of his arm and made his exclusive property, and was pleased to offer gifts on the day of Uttarāyaṇa-saṅkrānti,

(ñe) gave to the Brähmans Śrôtriya-Kramavittan, Mundaya-Kramavittan and Pallaya-Kramavittan and others and their descendants of the varga (lineage) of Rishīkēśava-(Hrishīkēśa)-Bhaṭṭa-Sōmayājiyār of the Ātrēya-gōtra and Bahudhānya(Baudhāyana)-sūtra, a Brāhman (resident) of Chērām alias Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam,

(the village) Chērām alias srī-Madhurāntaka-chaturvēdimangalam in Puli-nādu, (a sub-division) of Rattapādikondasēla-mandalam, which was captured after seeing the back of Āhavamalla and his sons in the battle on the bank of the northern Kūdal-Sangamam, when (he), Vīrarājēndra of the beautiful spear started out on the auspicious moment in which he was (himself) crowned.

¹ These Sanskrit verses have been ably translated by Mr. K. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar in Trav. Archl. Series, Vol. III, pp. 150 ff. and by Mr. T. A. Gopinatha Rao in ante, Vol. XVIII, pp. 48 ff.

- (Ll. 180-189) The boundary (of this eillage) ran to the east (of) Kuppëri; then Nattuvankurukkai; then Kottikkanuväy, then Pulugiyäru and Sengunru in Arpundi which is to the west of Sirukanuväy; then (the rock called) Vauvälpärai in Ändimudakku; Vadakurukkai in Punarkuruchchi to the west of it; (the rock) Olugupärai to the west of it; then Kundaraipärai (rock) in Ändi; then Ushaikkurukkai; to the north of it Mukkallu; to the north of it Värarpadi; to the north of it Tanimuttu-madai (sluice); to the north of it (the pond called) Möttän-kuttai; to the east of it Trikönamuttu-madai (sluice) and Kammära-šunai (spring); and then passing through and inclusive of Perumballam, it reached the hill. The boundary (line) ends (thus).
- (v. 82) This (is the) order of Virarājēndra-Rājakēsarivarman, which is honoured by all the happy kings of this earth.
- (v. 83) This (panegyric) illuminating the prowess of Virarajendradeva, was composed by the pure-minded Ghandrabhūshaņa-Bhaṭṭa.
- (Ll. 192-196) At the order (of the king), this grant was caused to be issued by the officer (Adhikārigal) Guṇanidi-Arulmoliyār alias Mīnavaŋ-Mūvēndavēļār, the kilaraŋ of Parakē-sarinallūr in Tīrunaraiyūr-nāḍu, (a sub-division) of Kshatriyasikhāmaṇi-vaļanāḍu, (a district) of Šōļamaṇḍalam, which was prospering in accordance with the eternal and ancient laws of Manu, under Vīrarājēndra, the hero who is resplendent with the goddess of wealth, who is worshipped by the charioted kings and who rules the earth suppressing evil.
- (Ll. 197-201) The Tirumandira-ölai (seere) Tönamayan-Pāpanāsan alias Virasrīvallabha-Brahmādhirājan of the Kundina-götra and the Āpastamba-sūtra of Kāyākkudi, a brahmadēya in Kurumbūr-nādu, (a sub-division) of Jayangondasõļa-vaļanādu, and Aruļmoļi-Rājēndrasõļan alias Jananāda-Viļupparaiyan of Šēndamangalam in Virasõļa-vaļanādu, (a sub-division) of Nittavinöda-vaļanādu.
 - (v. 84) Impreentory.
- (v. 85) "Let this charity be protected by the future kings of all the dominions" thus does king Rājarāja, who is worshipped by all the kings and whose lotus-like hands are cooped (in prayer), supplicate with his head marked with the ornament in the shape of the lotus-feet of Hara.
 - (v. 86) Imprecatory.
- (Ll. 206-11) In collaboration with Sasibhūshana-Pendita, this excellent charter was completed by Madhurāntaka-Brahmādhirāja, so that the royal gift may be known in this territory.
- Sankaran-Kādādi alias Karunākara-Āchāriyan, the Master-carpenter (Tachchāchāriyan) and a resident of Kuvallāam in Kuvallāa-nādu, cut (engraved) the letters of this royal charter.

Do not forget charity; there is no support other than charity. Let all sentient beings protect (this gi/t).

No. 26.—DATE OF THE PANDAVA KINGS OF SOUTHERN KOSALA.

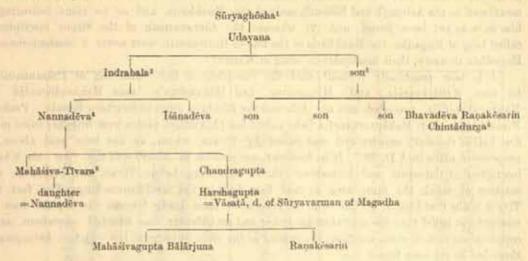
A. GHOSH, M.A., PATNA.

The dynasty of the Pandavas of the Lunar race, ruling in Southern Kosala for about a century and a half, is known to us from eight inscriptions on stone and copper-plates.2 It is

⁴ Kanumy is probably knowciy, 'a ravine between two hills.'

² To the list given in D. R. Bhandarkar's List of Inscriptions of Northern India, p. 229, add Mallar plates of Mahasivagupta, above, Vol. XXIII, p. 113.

perhaps desirable for the purpose of the present note to reproduce here the genealogy derived from these inscriptions:



The date of these kings is anything but certain. Kielhorn tentatively proposed to place them in the eighth and ninth centuries A.D. on some a priori grounds. This date has been responsible for a theory that has gained some popularity, e.z., the Chandragupta mentioned in the Sanjān plates of Amōghavarsha as having been defeated by the Rāshṭrakūta king Gōyinda III (c. A. D. 793-814) is to be identified with the Pāṇḍava king of that name. It is overlooked that the Sanjān plates deal with the conquests of Gōyinda in a strictly chronological and regional order (more certainly than the Allahābād pillar inscription of Samudragupta). The mention of Chandragupta along with Nāgabhaṭa and the separate recounting of Kōsala make it definite that it is not the Pāṇḍava king who is intended there.

Of late some scholars have tried to establish that Tivaradeva, an important king of the Pandava line, ruled in the first half of the sixth century A.D.¹⁰ The object of this note is to show that such an early dating is not possible on palaeographical grounds.

A main contention of the latter set of scholars is that Süryavarman, the Varman king of Magadha whose daughter Vāsaṭā was married to Harshagupta the nephew of Tivara, was no other than the Maukhari of that name, who, as a prince, rebuilt a temple of Siva in

¹ It is not definitely known whether he was an ancestor of Udayana.

² He is probably referred to under the veil of a metaphor in the Bhandak inscription, J.R.A.S., 1905, p. 631, n. 4.

There is nothing to show that he ever became king.

^{*}I am inclined to think that Nannadhirāja mentioned in the Bhandak inscription (loc. cit., p. 624) is no other than this Nannadēva, his mention being necessary owing to the fact that he was ruling when his cousin Bhavadēva repaired the monasteries mentioned in the inscription.

He is referred to as aripa in line 10 of the Bhandak inscription.

⁶ He is probably the elder brother of Chandragupta referred to in line 5 of the Sirpur inscription, above, Vol. XI, p. 190.

Above, Vol. IV, p. 257.

Above, Vol. XVIII, p. 240.

^{*}Cf. Mirashi, above, Vol. XXII, p. 21, n. 5.

³⁸ Mirashi, above, Vol. XXII, p. 19; Mirashi and Pandeya, above, Vol. XXIII, p. 113.

A.D. 554. But, as I have said elsewhere, this identification is highly doubtful, for (1) it is by no means certain that the Maukhari Süryavarman ever came to the throne, as his name is not mentioned in the Asirgadh and Nālandā seals of the Maukharis, and as no coins belonging to him have as yet been found, and (2) whereas the Süryavarman of the Sirpur inscription is called king of Magadha, the Maukharis of the line of Harivarman were never a characteristically Magadhan dynasty, their headquarters being at Kanauj.

It is now practically certain³ that the Sarabhapura line, consisting of Prasannamātra, his sons Mahājayarāja and Mānamātra, and Mānamātra's sons Mahājayarāja and Mahāpravararāja, preceded and not followed the Pāndava kings in Southern Kōsala. Professor Mirashi holds that Mahāpravararāja (who issued his Thākurdiyā plates from Śrīpura) ruled in the first half of the sixth century and was ousted by Tīvara, whom, as has been said above, he proposes to place in A.D. 530. It is, however, not possible to subscribe to this view: the Khārōd inscription of Indrabala and Īsānadēva⁴ shows that even before Tīvara the Pāndavas were masters of much the same area as had been held by the Sarabhapura kings. The fact that Tīvara is the first king of his line who is known to have made Śrīpura his capital does not warrant the belief that the capital of his father and grandfather was situated elsewhere, as no copper-plate (which alone mentions the capital as the place of issue of the charter) belonging to them has as yet been found.

Having seen that there is no sure ground for placing Tivara in the second quarter of the sixth century, we may turn to an examination of the palæographical chart attached hereto.3 The Arang plates of Bhimasena of unknown lineage are dated in the Gupta year 282=A.D. 601; it is the only dated inscription of the locality and the period with which we are now concerned, and as such affords a convenient standard of comparison. It will be seen that the characters show typical Gupta forms throughout. Comparing this record with the Bhandak inscription of Nannadeva, which according to Professor Mirashi's chronology must belong to c. A.D. 500, we find that every letter in the latter presents a more developed appearance; in bh and s there is now a hollow wedge attached to the left corner; looped tripartite y has given place to the bipartite form ; the right vertical of & projects a bit above the curved top-an important development which led to the ultimate separation of the left and right limbs of the letter, leaving the left limb to develop independently into the Nagari and proto-Bengali forms (which tendency of separation is already noticeable in the Sirpur inscription of Mahāsivagupta, where the horizontal cross-bar of the letter has turned into a curved inward prolongation of the left member, the right member being thus a separate entity); in h the left limb is no longer a vertical straight line but a curve, and the right downward stroke shows a tendency to hang below the base line. The persistent occurrence of late forms in the Bhandak inscription marks it out as definitely much later than the Arang plates; a fortiori the possibility of its being placed a century prior to the latter cannot be considered. It is also evident from the chart that the letters of the Köndedda plates of the Sailodbhava Dharmaraja have practically the same forms as those of the Bhandak inscription.

¹ Hārāhā inscription, above, Vol. XIV, p. 110. This theory was first started by H. C. Raychaudhuri, Political History of Ancient India, 4th ed., p. 512 n.

² Two Maukhari Seals from Nålandä", above, Vol. XXIV, p. 283.

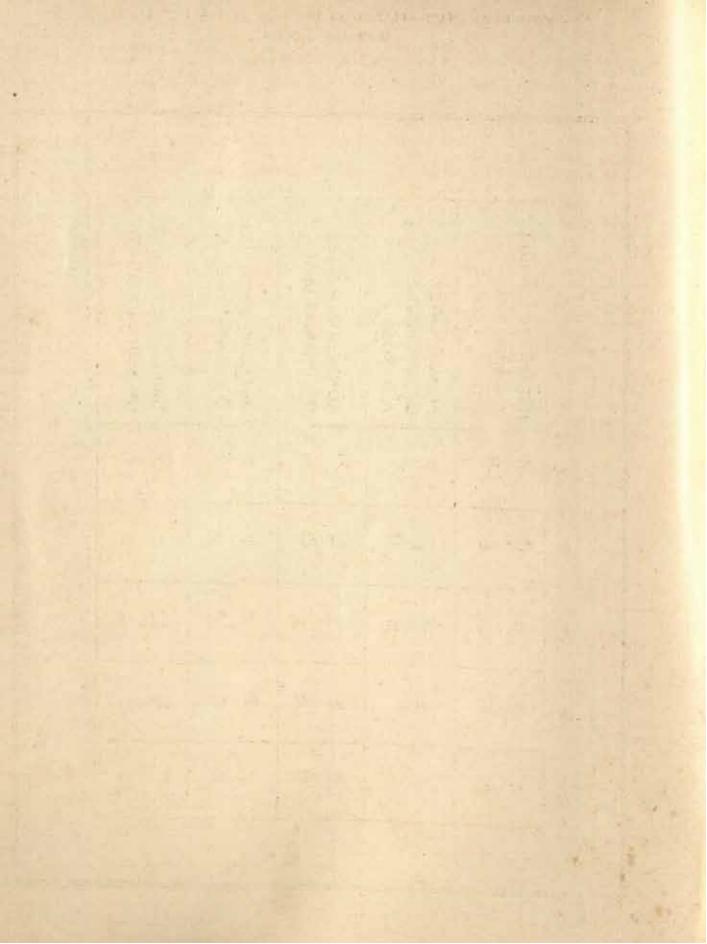
^{*}Cf. above, Vol. XXII, p. 16.

^{*}P.R., A.S.W.C., 1903-04, p. 54.

⁴ The letters in the chart have been traced out of the published impressions of the respective inscriptions. They do not claim the preciseness of mechanical reproductions but may be regarded as accurate for all practical purposes.

^{*} Above, Vol. IX, p. 342.

	HĀŖĀHĀ INSCRIPTION OF ĪSĀNAVARMAN A.D. 554.	ARANG PLATES OF BHIMASENA A.D. 601.	KÖNDEDDA PLATES OF DHARMARĂJA	BHĀNDAK INSCRIPŢION OF NANNĀDHIRĀJA	SIRPUR INSCRIPTION OF MAHĀŚIVAGUPTA
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It will be readily admitted that it is not strictly scientific to compare the Hāṛāhā inscription with the inscriptions of the Pāṇḍavas owing to the great distance separating them; but if it were allowed, it could be easily shown that the Hāṛāhā inscription is distinctly earlier, so that Sūryavarman could not have been a contemporary of Harshagupta.

It is clear, therefore, that the ascription of the Bhāndak inscription to a date earlier than A.D. 650, i.e. at least fifty years after the date of the Ārang plates of Bhīmasēna, is a palæographical impossibility. Tīvara, therefore, may be tentatively placed in the last quarter of the seventh century A.D.

We may now proceed to examine some incidental facts and identifications arising out of these tentative dates.

- 1. Some scholars have found a reference to Tivara in the Pulömbüru and Ipür grants of the Vishunkundin Mādhavavarman, which refer to an invasion of the city of Trivara by Mādhavavarman. But from the wordings in the inscriptions it is not certain that the expression Trivara magara should be taken to mean 'the city of King Trivara' and not 'the city called Trivara'. King Tivara of the Lunar race, who is proposed for identification with this Trivara, is not known to have founded a city of his own; on the other hand, the city of Śripura was the capital of Southern Kōsala before, during and after the reign of Tivara. It appears to me that there is much probability in the view that Trivara is a place-name, being a partial Prakritization of Tripuri, and giving rise in due course to Tiwar or Tewar, by which name the ancient Tripuri is now known. Even assuming that Trivara in the above inscriptions is the name of some king or prince, there is little likelihood of his being identical with the Pāṇḍava Tīvara, in view of the fact that the date of the Pulōmbūru grant is most probably A.D. 594, which is much too early for one who, according to the chronology proposed here, flourished towards the end of the seventh century.
- 2. The Köndödda and Nivinā plates of the Sailödbhava king Dharmarāja say that Mādhava, the younger brother of the king, became a rebel; being defeated at Phāsikā he took shelter with another king Trīvara,* but was again defeated along with Trīvara at the foot of the Vindhyas. Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, the editor of the Nivinā plates, proposes to identify this Trīvara with Tīvara of Southern Kösala. Dharmarāja, being the grandson of Mādhava-Sainya-bhīta II, the author of the Ganjām plates of A.D. 619,2 must have flourished in the latter

¹ Journal of the Andhru Historical Research Society, Vol. VI, p. 20; above, Vol. XVII, p. 336.

[&]quot; Of. above, Vol. XXII, p. 19.

^{*} For this reason the analogy of Pravarapura and Yayatinagara cited by R. S. Panchamukhi (above, Vol. XXIII, p. 90, n. 5.) cannot stand. Nor is it possible to agree with him (for. cit., p. 91, n. 6) that the superscript i-sign in Tricura is distinctly long in the Pulömbüru and Ipür grants. In the latter, at any rate, it is clearly short.

^{*} Cf. Journal of the Department of Letters, Calcutta University, Vol. XI, p. 63.

^{*} R. S. Panchamukhi (loc. cit.) tries to prove that the date of the grant is A.D. 621, as 594 is too early to be the forty-eighth year of the king who was defeated in c. 631 by Pulakësin II or his brother Kubja-Vishquvardhans. As Pulakësin's conquest of Kalinga, Kōsala, Pishtapura, Kuṇāla and Kāṇchipura, recorded in vv. 26 and 27 of the Aihole inscription (above, Vol. VI, p. 6), were effected in one and the same expedition, and as Vishquvardhana was the governor of Vēngi from c. 316 to 633 (cf. D. C. Ganguly, I. H. Q., Vol. VIII, p. 442), it seems very likely that the Vishqukundina were ousted by the Chālukyas in c. 615. The fact that the son of the donee of the Pulombūru grant of Mādhavavarman was the recipient of the same village in the reign of Jayasinha, the son of Vishquvardhana, (above, Vol. XIX, p. 254), does not prove that Mādhavavarman just proceded Jayasinha in time; the two kings might well have been separated by two short reigns of a successor of Mādhavavarman and of the Chālukya Vishquvardhana. [But Jayasinha is definitely known to be the successor of Vishquvardhana.—N. L. R.]

^{*} Or Trivara, as the word is spelt in the Nivina grant.

⁷ Above, Vol. VI, p. 143.

half of the seventh century, which, according to our chronology, was also the date of Tivara. The identification proposed by Dr. Chakravarti is, therefore, highly probable.

- 3. Nannaraja, the son-in-law of Tivara, may perhaps be identical with the Rashtrakūta chief of the same name who is known from the Tiwarkhēd and Multāi plates to have lived in the first half of the eighth century. It is to be noted that both of them are said to have acquired the pancha-mahāsabda.
- 4. Harshagupta, the nephew of Tivara, seems to find mention in the Dhuliā plates of Karkarāja,^z which says that the Rāshtrakūṭa Dantidurga won victories over [Kirtivarman] the Karnāṭaka (Chālukya) king, who had defeated, among others, a king named Harsha. As Harshagupta flourished in the first half of the eighth century according to our chronology, it is very likely that he was the senior contemporary of Kirtivarman II, who began his reign in c. A.D. 744.
- 5. Lastly, it must be admitted that we are not aware of the existence of any Süryavarman in Magadha in the first half of the eighth century, who could have married his daughter to Harshagupta. Not much is known about the history of Magadha in the seventh and eighth centuries; but we do come across references to some chiefs whose names ended in carman and who therefore may be regarded as having formed a Varman dynasty. (The Sirpur inscription says that Süryavarman was born in the Varman family.) The Korean traveller Hwni Lun, for instance, refers to the contemporary Magadhan king as Devavarman.4 Further, Cunningham points out that in A.D. 692 the king of Eastern India was known in Chinese as Mo-lo-pa-mo or Malayarman, For earlier times we may recall the names of Pürņavarman, who, according to Hiuen Tsiang, restored the Bodhi tree at Bodh-Gaya," and of the Maukhari samanta-chuqumanis Yajñavarman, Sardülavarman and Anantavarman, known from the Barabar-Nagarjuni cave inscriptions.7 We may prolong the list by adding the names of Sundaravarman and Kalyanavarman mentioned in the Kaumedimahatsava, a drama which, it has been shown, cannot be placed earlier than A.D. 700.* There is thus an almost continuous record of the existence of Varman rulers in Magadha who were probably usually feudatories, assuming independence under favourable circumstances.

No. 27. NILAGANGAVARAM INSCRIPTION OF AMBADEVA-MAHARAJA: Saka 1212. By R. S. Panchamukhi, M.A., Madras.

The subjoined inscription" is engraved on a slab set up in Survey No. 307/3 about two miles to the north-west of Nila-Gangavaram in the Vinukonda Taluk of the Guntur District. The

Above, Vol. XI, p. 279; Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, p. 234. On the date of the Tiwarkhed plates, new Bhandarkar's List, No. 1082 n.

^{*} Above, Vol. VIII, p. 185; Kanchisa-Kerala-ner-adhiya-Chôla-Pindya-iri-Harehal-Vajrata-leilahida-vidhāna-dakhāni (*) Karanātaknis valballam-achija* ligam-arjama ungail* librityai[ā*] kiyadbhir-upi yah saha-laa) jigālga [[*] [This verse only refers to the Karaāta army, responsible for the defeat of Harsa and others, as being venquished by Dantidurga. Harsha mentioned here is identified with the Harsha of Kanauj who was defeated by Pulakešin II. Kirtivarman II is not known to have waged wars against any king of Kosala or Chōla or Pandya kings.—N. L. R.]

^{*}Above, Vol. XI, p. 191 : jātab kniē Varmmaņām.

Beal, Life of Hinen Tsiang, p. xxxvii.

^{*} A.S.R., Vol. 111, p. 136.

Beal, Buddhist Records of the Western World, Vol. 11, pp. 118 and 174.

^{*} Fleet, C.I.I., Vol. III, pp. 221 f.

^{*}K. Chattopadhyaya, "The Date of the Kaumudimahotsava," I.H.Q., Vol. XIV, p. 582,

No. 220 of 1035-36 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection; see An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy, 1036, part ii, pp. 60 f.

slab is broken into two fragments both of which contain writing on the front and back sides. They are mutilated in parts and so a few letters are lost in the invocatory and imprecatory verses. The inscription consists of 66 lines and the writing is fairly well preserved. At the top of the slab are carved a conchant bull, the sun and the lings with a dagger below them. I edit the inscription below with the kind permission of Rao Bahadur C. R. Krishnamacharlu, the Superintendent for Epigraphy.

The alphabet is Telugu-Kannada of the period to which the record belongs. The hocked vertical stroke at the bottom of the letter d to mark the aspiration, deserves notice, see praudhi (1.24), paribridha (1.25), jāl-āvalīdha (1.26), etc. Orthography does not call for any special comment except that a consonant before a rēpha in the body of a word is usually doubled as in Bhārggava (1.18), bhāmne-arkka (1.31), sarvē (1.51) etc., but in dvādas-ārdh-ōparāgē (1.33), sarvān (1.38), etc., this practice is not observed. Dental n is wrongly substituted for lingual n in savarnasya (1.44) and palatal s for dental s in samkhyā (1.31). There are a few mistakes of the engraver as in Sadar-ādibhih (1.40) for Sagar-ādibhih, satrunāmpi trītā (1.42) for "n=āpi kritā. The language is Sanskrit (verse) in ll. 1-51 and Telugu (prose) in ll. 52-60. [I], 61-66 also contain a verse in corrupt Sanskrit the sense of which is not quite clear.

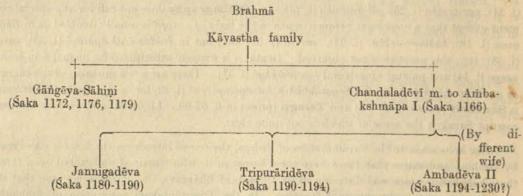
After invocation to the Varah-avatara of Vishau, the record introduces the kshatra clan created by Brahma and states that there were some heroes in it, who remained undaunted even though the whole kshatra race was discouraged by the acts of Bhargava, i.e., Parasurama, and that they were in consequence known as Kāyasthas. In the Tripurāntakam inscription of Ambadēva, the origin of the family-name Kayastha is explained as born of the body (kaya) of Druhina (i.e., Brahmā). In this Kāyastha family was born Gangaya-Sāhiņi. His sister was Chandaladevī who bore to Ambakshmapa two sons viz., Janarddans and Tripurarideva. The latter's younger brother was Aribadeva who had captured the royal glory (sambra(mra)) ya-lakshmin, 1. 29) of Gurindala-Ganadhipa a meteor to the Malava king. The inscription further states that king Amba granted on the date specified in Il. 31-33, the village Mollakalluru alias Sivapura to the temple of god Mahēsvara (ll. 33-35). Then follow five imprecatory verses (ll. 36-38). The record was composed by Nammananandana who was dear to the goddess of speech. The Telugu portion repeats the date and adds the name of the donee as Mallinathayangaru of Reindrevu residing at Tripurantaka-kshëtra. The gift was probably placed in his charge to be managed on behalf of the temple. At the end is added a verse in Sanskrit which seems to refer to the construction of a flight of steps at the eastern gateway of the temple, by Kumāra-kshitibhrit (i.e., Kumāra Pratāparudra).

The details of date are given in II. 31-33 and II. 52-54 as:—Sakn year (expressed both in chronogram and numerical figures), bhānu (12) and arkka (12) i.e., 1212, Vikņita Bhādrapeda, ba.15, darša, Tuesday, solar celipse (dvādaš-ārdh-ōparāgē). The eclipse probably covered twelve digits (arddha-kalā) of the Sun. These details regularly correspond to Tuesday, September 5, A.D. 1290 when the nakshatra was Uttara-Phalguni.

The inscription is important as it furnishes a specific relationship between Gandapendara Gangaya-Sāhiṇi the Cavalier of Kākatīya Ganapati and Gandapendāra Ambadēva which was not known hitherto. As stated above, Gangaya-Sāhiṇi's sister Chandalāmbā or Ghandaladēvī was married to Amba-kshmāpa who was the father of Ambadēva. Since the record states that she bore to Amba two sons, viz., Jannigadēva and his younger brother Tripurāridāva it may be surmised that Ambadēva was probably born of a different mother. In the Tripurāntakam inscription mentioned above, the pedigree of Ambadēva is given as follows: In the Kāyastha family was

born Gāngēya; after him came his sister's son¹ Janārddana (udabhavat=tad-anu dvibhujō nṛipa[[i*] svasur=apatyam=amushya Janārddanah Il. 8 f.), his younger brother Tripurāridēva and the latter's younger brother Ambadēva 'as Upēndra was of Indra'. The names of the sister of Gangēya-Sāhiṇi and her husband are furnished here for the first time. Rangachari² and Sewell³ have misunderstood the relationship between the several chiefs of the Kayastha family and have thus given a wrong genealogy.

It may be noted that the Tripurantakam inscription as well as the present record specify without ambiguity the connection between the four members of the family which put together stands as follows :-



The Kāyasthas were a powerful family of feudatory chiefs who played a prominent part in the politics of the mediaval period in the Telugu country. They started their career as cavaliers (Turaga-sādhanikas) under Kākatīya Gaņapati and styled themselves as Mahāmandalēśvara, Mandalika-Brahmarākshasa and Gandapendāra. Ambadēva the most powerful chief of the family assumed the epithet Ghandikōṭa-Manōrathapuravar-ādhīśvara and ruled from his capitals Vallūrupattana and Ghandikota the former of which is Valluru near Cuddapah while the latter is the modern Ghandikōta in the Jammalmadugu Taluk of the Cuddapah District. In order to understand the extent of their power and territory, it is necessary to study their records critically, and to facilitate such a study, a classified statement of their principal dated records is given below specifying in each case the name of the overlord under whom the chief ruled :

Date.	Chief.	Overlord.	Provenance.
Saka 1166* . Saka 11725 . Saka 1176-79* .	Ambayyadēva	Ganapati Do	Satrasāla (Palnad Tk., Guntur Dt.). Tripurāntakam hill (Kurnool Dt.). Tripurāntakam hill (Kurnool Dt.). Gangavaram (Cuddapah Dt.).

¹ Though the Tripurantakam inscription contains the specific relationship namely 'sister's son' (svasur=apatyam) between Gangeya-Sahini and Janarddana it has been missed by all writers on the Kayasthas who nevertheless proclaim that the inscriptions do not disclose the connection between them. See also Madras Epigraphical Report for 1905, Part II, page 63.

² Inscriptions of the Madras Presidency, Vol. II, p. 932, n.

³ Historical Inscriptions of Southern India, p. 359.

⁴ No. 314 of 1930-31 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

⁶ No. 283 of 1905 of the same collection.

^{*} Nos. 231, 176 of 1905 and 233 of 1937-38 of the same collection.

Date.	Chief.	Overlord.	Provenance.
Šaka 1180-82 ¹	Jannigadēva	Ganapati	Pondalūr (Pullampet Tk., Cuddapah Dt.).
Saka 11862	Jannigadēva ruling the territory extending from Pānungal to Mārajavāḍi or Kaivāra.	No mention of the overlord.	Kārempūdi (Palnad Tk.), Nandalūr (Cuddapah Dt.).
Śaka 1191°	Do. 1	Rudramahādēvī .	Durgi (Palnad Tk.).
Śaka 11924	Tripurāntaka	Do	Potlapāḍu (Darsi, Nellore Dt.).
Šaka 1194 ⁵	Tripurāri	No mention of the overlord.	Tripurāntakam hill.
Saka 1194 to 12246 .	Ambadēva	Do	Tripurāntākam, Attirāla, Pōli, Cuddapah and Kamalapuram Taluks.

From this tabular statement, it is apparent that a certain Ambayyadeva was the earliest member of the Kāyastha family who governed a portion of the Guntur District round about Satrasāla where his inscription was secured. Gangeya-Sāhiņi appears to have simultaneously held service under Ganapati in the Cuddapah District where his records are found. Both of them are given the epithet Dāmodara-sainya-disā-paṭṭa which is likewise adopted by the two successors, viz., Tripurarideva and Ambadeva along with the other epithets which they actually earned by their exploits. Ambadeva, the younger brother of Tripurari whose records range in date from Saka 1194 to 1224, could not have held any administrative authority as early as Saka 1166 which would otherwise invest him with the governorship of the territory for nearly 60 years which is far from likely. Further, this would lead to the contingency of assigning no period of rule to his elder brothers Janniga and Tripurāri who have, however, issued several records as governors under the Kākatīvas. It is therefore reasonable to think that Ambadēva of the Satrasāla inscription is an earlier member and different? from the homonymous chief the younger brother of Tripurāridēva. The earlier Ambadēva may be identified with Ambakshmāpa mentioned in the present record as the father of the three brothers. Since the earliest reference to the defeat of Dāmodara of the west is found in connection with both Ambadeva I and Gāngēya-Sāhiṇi, it is likely that both these officers had a share in the event.

Whether Ambakshmāpa's principality was confined to the Palnad Taluk of the Guntur District or extended as far south as the Cuddapah District where his son's inscriptions are discovered, there are no means to decide. But it is quite probable that Ambadēva I and Gāngēya-Sāhiṇi governed different parts of the Kākatīya kingdom separately and on the death of the latter

¹ V. Rangachari, op. cit., Guntur 502, and Cuddapah 850.

² Nos. 610 of 1907 and 550 of 1909 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection. See Rangachari, op. cit., Cudda-pah 824 and Guntur 520.

³ V. Rangachari, op. cit. Guntur 500 (No. 573 of 1909 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection).

⁴ Nellore Inscriptions, Vol. I., Darsi 57, 60. The Saka year 1151 appears to have been wrongly read for 1192 and the cyclic year Pramādi for Pramādūta which corresponded to 1192. Saka 1151 does not combine with Pramādi at all.

⁵ Ibid., Darsi 1.

Nos. 168, 173, 174, 242 and 268, of 1905, 406 of 1911, 622 of 1907, 618 of 1907 and 414 of 1911, etc., of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

⁷ The identification of Ambakshmāpa with Ambadēva made in the Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy for 1930-31, Part II, para. 18, is not tenable.

apparently without issue, his territory passed to the nearest relative, viz., his brother-in-law Ambadeva I or more probably the latter's son Janarddana. This would account for the tracing of Ambadēva (II)'s genealogy from Gāngēya-Sāhiņi who had, otherwise, no direct lineal connection with bim. Thus from Janarddana's time the territory of the Kayastha chiefs comprised a large area from Pānungal to Mārajavādi or Kaivāra, i.e., from the Nalgonda District (Nizam's Dominions) to the Cuddapah District.1 From the table given above it is clear that Janniga must have come to power some time after Śaka 1179 as Gāngēya-Sāhiņi's latest inscription is dated in Śaka 1179 and held the governorship till Saka 1192 which is the earliest date for Tripurāri. Tripurāri was succeeded by his younger brother Ambadeva II in Saka 1194, who continued to rule till at least Śaka 1224 in which year his Lēpāka inscription is dated.2 It is significant that the Kārempūḍi and Nandalūr inscriptions of Jannigadēva bearing the Saka date 1186 do not refer to the overlord whereas his earlier inscriptions of Saka 1180-82 introduce him as a feudatory of Ganapati. The Durgi and Potlapadu inscriptions of Saka 1191 and Saka 1192 belonging respectively to Janniga and Tripurāri mention Rudramahādēvī as the reigning monarch. But Tripurāri's inscriptions of Saka 1194 and almost all the records of Ambadeva II from Saka 1194 to Saka 1224 are issued by the chiefs independently without acknowledging the suzerain power. This omission to mention the reigning monarch, if it signifies anything, may be taken to reflect the unsettled political conditions in the country due to weakness at the centre, particularly between Saka 1182 and 1186 and Saka 1192 and 1194. This is borne out by a study of the political events that happened at this period in the Telugu country. The most important document that furnishes many political synchronisms for the history of the period is the Tripurantakam inscription of Ambadeva-Maharaja dated in Saka 1212.3 It states about Ambadeva that he (1) acquired the title of Rāyasahasramalla after defeating Śrīpati-Gaṇapati; (2) routed Kēśava joined by Sōmidēva and Alluganga; (3) vanquished Mallikārjuna who was a hater of Gods and Brāhmans; (4) gave his daughter in marriage to Rajanna son of king [Bo]laya who had celebrated several sacrifices, together with the Nandanapura country (Nandalur) as dowry; (5) reinstated Manmagandagopāla at Vikramasimhapura (Nellore) in his kingdom which he had lost; (6) captured the treasures of the Pandya princes; (7) defeated Damodara of the west; (8) took the head of Eruva-Mallideva; (9) was honoured with rich presents by the king of Devagiri who was pleased at his valour; (10) destroyed Kādavarāya and (11) was helped by his friend king Parākramapāndya with strong cavalry forces. Most of these exploits are confirmed by the contemporary epigraphical and literary evidences as shown in the sequel.

A record from Tāļļaproduţūr* belonging to Jagatāpi Gangeyadēvachōļamahārāju, son of Alluganga, and bearing Šaka date 1244 describes the chief as Gandapendāra-Gāngēya-Sāhiṇi-sarvasva-bandikāra, i.e., 'robber of Gāngēya-Sāhiṇi's wealth and as 'one who obtained the (regal) fortune by churning the ocean of Sēvuṇa (i.e., Yādava) army, indicating thereby that the Chief had rid himself of the Yādava domination by Saka 1244. From an inscription at Nīlūru in the Gooty Taluk of the Anantapur District dated in Saka 1137, it is learnt that Jagatāpi Dandidēvachōļa-

¹ This area roughly included the modern Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Nellore and Guntur Districts.

² In one of the Lēpāka inscriptions examined and copied by the Telugu Assistant of the Epigraphy Office, Madras, in 1938, Gaṇḍpeṇḍāra Tripurāridēva-Mahārāja is introduced as ruling Mulki-nāṇḍu from Vallūripaṭṭaṇa in Śaka 1226, Krēdhin (A. D. 1304) and making a grant of the village Lēbāka as a sarvamānya-agrahāra to the temple of Allāļanāthadēva. This is a solitary record of Tripurāri belonging to such a late date. If he is identical with the brother of Ambadēva II, we have to presume that he continued to rule conjointly with Ambadēva till Śaka 1226.

³ No. 268 of 1905 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.

⁴ No. 308 of 1935-36 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection,

⁵ No. 345 of 1920.

mahārāya probably an ancestor of the above chief was a subordinate of Yādava Simhaṇa. And Gangēya-Sāhini is stated in a record¹ of Śaka 1176 belonging to the reign of Kākatīya Ganapati, to have defeated a certain Rakkasa-Gangarasa who may be the same person as the Rakkasa-Gangarasa of the Joti inscription2 (Siddhaut Taluk, Cuddapah District) dated in Saka 1169. The Telugu poem Nirvachanottara-Rāmāyaṇamu records that Gangeya-Sāhiṇi who had been deprived of his kingdom by a certain Rakkasa-Gangarasa evidently the above-mentioned chief, took refuge under Manma-Janapāla who restored the lost kingdom to his protegé by vanquishing Rakkasa-Ganga. This event must have occurred between Saka 1169 and Saka 1176. Alluganga who was probably connected with Rakkasa-Ganga in some unspecified way, as their names, their territory and the hostilities they both bore against Gangeya-Sahini would indicate, must have taken vengeance against his opponent Gängeya-Sähini, which was reciprocated by Ambadeva who as stated in his Tripurantakam inscription, routed Alluganga and his allies. Thus for three generations the Kāyasthas ranged themselves against the Jagatāpi-chōļadēvamahārājas who appear to have rebelled against their overlords the Yadavas of Devagiri. It is likely that Gangeya-Sahini and his relatives were the friends of the Sevuna kings and that they suppressed the rebellion of the latter's subordinates who, however, ultimately became independent by Saka 1244 when the Yadava power was on the wane. It must probably be with the help of Ambadeva during the governorship of Jannigadēva that Yādava Mahādēva wrested from Kākatīya Gaņapati the honour of panchamahāsabda as recorded in the introduction to Vratakhanda of Hēmādri3. We know that this event took place in about Saka 1183 during the last days of Ganapati4. On the death of Ganapati the whole country was plunged in utmost disaster and chaos and the internal rebellion and the danger from the neighbouring powers were too much for the queen Pattoddhati Rudramahādēvī to cope with in the beginning of her reign. Accordingly several Telugu-Chōda chiefs such as Eruva-Manumilidēva, Vijayagaņdagōpala and Siddayadēva-Chōda-Mahārāja are found issuing their inscriptions independently without referring to their overlord,5 in Saka 1189, 1185 and 1189 respectively, i.e., within a few years after her accession to the throne. Soon, however, the Kākatīya queen appears to have consolidated her power and reduced the refractory chiefs to subjection. She must have first subjugated the Kayastha chief Jannigadeva by about Saka 1190; for he expresses his loyalty to the reigning monarch in his inscription of Saka 1191. Thereafter, with the help of the Kayastha chiefs of whom Ambadeva appears to have taken a prominent part, the turbulent officers were brought down on their knees since, in the Tripurantakam inscription mentioned above, Ambadeva boasts of having taken, evidently on behalf of the Kakatīya ruler, the head of a certain Eruva-Janumilideva who must be identical with the Telugu-Chōda chief Eruva-Mallideva. Simultaneously with or shortly after this achievement, the defeat of Alluganga, Somideva, Keśava, Mallikarjuna, etc., ascribed to the chief in his records appears to have happened. Kāḍavarāya, i.e., Kōpperuñjingadēva II (A.D. 1243-1279) who had been reduced to subordination by Kākatīya Gaņapati as can be surmised from his Drākshārāma inscription in which he calls himself the executor of the commands of Gaṇapati-Mahārāja (Gaṇapati-Mahārājasy=ājñām pravartayatā)6, must have attempted to throw off his allegiance to the Kākatīya banner on the death of Ganapati. In fact he has caused to be engraved a highly pedantic inscription at Tripurantakam in which he glorifies his past achievements including the numerous rich gifts he had

¹ No. 231 of 1905.

² No. 563 of 1915.

³ Bom. Gaz., Vol. I, part ii, p. 273, v. 52.

⁴ See above, Vol. XXIII, p. 193.

⁵ Nos. 190, 272 and 175 of 1905.

⁶ S. I. I., Vol. IV. No. 1342 B.

made to the temple of Bhīmēśvara at Drākshārāma, without mentioning the Kākatīya overlord who was reigning at the time. The record is unfortunately not dated. But it must be assigned to a date subsequent to Saka 1184 in which year Köpperuñjingadeva figures apparently as a sub-The defeat of Kopperunjinga called here Kadavaraya must ordinate of a Kākatīya king². have been accomplished some time before Saka 1201 the last year of the chiefs and after Saka 1194 when Ambadēva succeeded to the chiefdom. Amabadēva's Tripurāntakam inscription of Saka 1194 does not refer to any of his exploits mentioned above whereas his epigraphs dated Saka 1207, 1212, 1213, etc., narrate them in detail. Ambadeva appears to have been puffed up with the signal victory he had gained over his powerful rival Kopperunjingadeva, proclaimed himself as a quasi-independent chief and to have held that position till the very last year of his rule. It is, however, certain that he did not turn a rebel against the Kākatīyas or attempt to subvert their sovereignty. For a record from Malyāla' in the Nandikotkur Taluk of the Kurnool District refers itself to the reign of the Kākatīya king Kumāra Rudra-Mahārāja in Saka 1212 and 1213, thus marking the extent of the Kakatiya rule in the territory of the Kayastha chiefs during the same period. Tripurāntakam (Kurnool District) and Nīlagangavaram (Vinukonda Taluk, Guntur District) where Ambadeva's inscriptions are found, were situated within the Kakatiya dominions. It is therefore possible that though Ambadeva maintained a semi-independent status like the great Feudatory families of the Dekkan, i.e., the Western Gangas, Banas, etc., under the Rashtrakutas, etc., in the mediæval period, the Kākatīya suzerainty was acknowledged in the territory of the Kāyasthas as shown above. In course of time, however, Ambadēva's power suffered heavily in consequence of which he appears to have been deprived of his principality, since an Upparapalle inscription⁵ of Rudradeva dated Saka 1[2*]36, Pramadi, refers to the reduction of Ghandikōṭa by a subordinate of the king. Another fragmentary inscription in the same place, without date, states that the king appointed Gonkaya-Reddi, a servant of Juttaya, to the governorship of Khandikota and Mulikinandu districts. This shows that Ambadeva had been subdued under the orders of the king and his territory annexed to the Kākatīya dominions some time before Saka 1236. In one of the inscriptions at Kanala, Nandyal Taluk of the Kurnool District, a chief (name completely damaged) is stated to be ruling over Mulkināndu, Penampādi, Pottapināndu, Pedakallu and Nantavadi under Prataparudradeva-Mabaraja in Saka 1230. We know that these nadus had been subject to the administration of Ambadevas, but it is not definite whether Ambadeva continued to rule till Saka 1230 or had been dispossessed of his territory by that year. But it can be affirmed that he had been either killed in the encounter or dislodged from Ghandikōta before Śaka 1236 as stated above.

TEXT.9

First Fragment : First Face.

Vārāham vapur=avyād=võ mahī-mu . .

2 harēḥ | yasya damshtr-āgra-viśrāmtā mahī .

¹ No. 197 of 1905, see Madras Epigraphical Report for the year, part ii, p. 46.

² S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 1341.

⁴ The chief came to power in A.D. 1243 and ruled for 36 years (Historical Ins. of Southern India, pp. 162 and 376)

⁴ No. 321 of 1937-38. An indirect mention of Kumāra-Kshitibhrit in the present record points to the overbearing attitude of Ambadēva towards the Kākatīya monarch.

⁵ No. 328 of 1905.

⁶ No. 329 of 1905.

⁷ No. 260 of 1935-36.

^{*} No. 406 of 1911.

^{*} From ink-impression.

3	tējas-samunmrishta			
4.	[jiyā]			
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	Second Fragment; First Face.			
5	[ka] tama			
6	tāmsur=anāratam			
7.	yathā-mārgga-pravarttakam Vidhir-vvīryyaikanilaya[m]			
8	kshātram varnnam-ajījanat ¹ Bhārggavād-bhagna-hrida[yē]			
9	kshatra-lökë-[py]-avikriyāḥ śauryya-pāram-gatās-tatra			
10	Kāyasthāh kati viśrutāh Tatr=anvavāyē sam[jā]-			
11				
12 13	Surabhih Kamal-ev-amritakarasya kalyani sarvva-			
14	janînâ sahajā Charndaladēvi babhūv=āsya* Arhba-			
15	kshmāpād-asūt-ēvam Chamdalāmbā suta-dvayam(yam) [[*]			
16	Vasuděvád iv aššásvam Děvaki daivatair api Pratyartthi-			
17	prithvinati-mauli-ratna-prabha-pisamgikrita-pada-pitha-			
18	h Janarddanah kshmadhipatir=jananam ja(jya)yan=abhu-			
19	t ja(j-ja)mgama-pä ^a pärijätah ^a Bäh[ā]-bala-kshurnna(nna)			
20	vipaksha-lōkas-tasy-ānuja[h*] śri-Tripurāridēvah []]			
21	sauridaryya-samdarsita-Manmatha-srir=vidyā-			
22	vilās āspadam=āvirāsīt ⁶ Āyushmān= Arhbadē - va-kshitipatir=anujas=tasya prithvīm prāšāsti prāchīna-			
23	va-kshitipatir-anujas-tasya pitetvim pisassa piakshipatir-anujas-tasya pitetvim pisassa			
24	prakvartthi-prithvi-paribri(vri)dha-makuta-syūta-mā-			
26	ni[kya*]-niryya[j*]-jvālā-jāl-āvalīdha-spu(sphu)ţa-pada-kamala-dvamdva-			
27	saridaršanivab* Ayani mahā-bābur-anika-ram-			
28	as manasirivo Malava-dhūmaketoh[] gurvvi-			
29	m Gurimdāla-Gaņādhipasya sāmbrū(mrā)jya-lakshmī[m*]			
30	sahasā jahāra ¹			
	First Fragment; Second Face.			
	Śākē bhāmnv(bhānv)-arkka-sam(sam)khyā-vilasati Vikritē vatsa[rē]			
31	Bhādra-māsē daršē Bhaumasya vārē 3 sukridini (sukritini ?)			
32	samayē dvādaś-ārddh-ŏparāgē [*] prādād=Amba-kshi-			
34	tiindrah prati(thi)ta-Sivapuram Mollakallūri-nāma-grā[ma]-			
35	m Māhēsvarāya prakaţita-ma*			
	Second Fragment; Second Face.			
36	yam dharmma-			
37	pālanīyyō(nīyō) bha-			
-	4 Metre : Anuchlubh. * Metre : Aryd.			
	This syllable is superfluous. Metre: Upajūti.			
	* Metre : Indrawajra. * Metre : Sragdhard. * Metre : Sragdhard.			
	† Dauda superfluous.			

38 . . dbhis sarvān ētān bhāviņah prārtthivēmdrā! bhūyō bhūyō yāchatē Rāmachamdrah || Bahubhi-40 r=vvasudhā dattā rājabhis=Sada(ga)rādibhih | vasya 41 yasya yadā bhūmiḥ(mis=)tasya tasya tathā(dā) phala-42 m(lam) [||*] Šatruņāmpi(n-āpi) tritos dharmma[h*] pālaniyyō(niyō) prayatnatah | śatrur-ēva hi śatru[h*] syād-dharmmah śatru 43 r=nna kasya-chit [[*] Māsham ēkam suvarnna(nna)sva bhūmēr-apy-arddham-amgalam(amgulam |) baran-narakam-apnöti yavad=ābhūta-samplavam(vam) [[]*] Yathā chamdrama-47 so vriddhir ahany ahani jayatë [|*|tatha bhu-48 mi-kritam danam sasye sasye vivarddhate [[a]s Ayushmatā Nammananandanēna pratyagravāņī-hridaya-49 50 mgamona samyak=kritam sasana-varyyam=e-51 tat=sarvvē=pi śriņvamtu sah-ādarēņa [[*]* Svasti ári-Saka-varshambulu 1212 agu-nënti Vikri(kri)tisamvatsara Bhādrapada bahula 15 Mamgaļavārāna sūryya-grahaņa-kālamuna-[m]du svasti árimatu Ganda-pendára Ambadē-55 va-Mahārājulu árī-Tripurāntakam-kshētra-vāsul-aina Remdrēvula Mallināthayaringāriki Mollalakallūru sarvva-bāda(dhā)-parihāramu ā-chamdrārka-stā(sthā)yigān=ichchina Sivapuramu [i*] manigaja mahā-śrī śrī śrī | | | 61 [D]ēvī yasya tvakīyyarh (svakīyarh !) Tripura-vijavin[ē] 62 chakshur-at(ut)-pāţya pūjā [m*] śritvā (kritvā) rējē tato-pi [dda]-.. taram=amalam Dochā(a)y-ākhyam prasiddham [[*] 63 pūrvva-dvārē Kumāra-kshitibhrid-uparitas-ta[t*-] Pu-

No. 28.—BARGAON TEMPLE INSCRIPTION OF SABARA.

BY PROF. V. V. MIRASHI, M.A., NAGPUR.

This inscription is incised on a broken stone slab which is still lying amidst the ruins of a temple to the north of Bargaon, a village situated at a distance of twenty-seven miles north by west of Murwara, the chief town of the Murwara tahsil of the Jubbulpore District, in the Central Provinces. The inscription does not seem to have been noticed by General Cunningham who visited Bargaon twice, during 1883-84 and 1884-85, and has given a fairly detailed description of the temples and mentioned three other records found there in his Archaeological Survey of India Reports, Vol XXI. Part I, p. 161 and Part II, pp. 163-64. The present inscription was briefly poticed for the first time by Rai Bahadur Hiralal in his Inscriptions in the Central Provinces and Berar, but it has not

rārē[h*] purastād-ramyam sopāna-mārgam [vuma?]karam-amalam dyuh pratijnam vidhava ||*

¹ Read parthicendean.

[&]quot; Metre : Anushtubh.

[&]quot; Metre : Salint. 4 Read krito.

Metre: Indravajrā.

^{*} Metre : Sragdhará.

First edition, (1916), pp. 39-40; second edition (1932), p. 43.

been edited so far. It is edited here from good estampages supplied by the Superintendent of the Archæological Survey, Central Circle, Patna.

The inscription is fragmentary. Nothing has of course been lost at the top, the bottom and the proper right side. But an indefinite number of letters have disappeared on the left side owing to the breaking away of the stone. The extant portion of the record is in a state of good preservation. It consists of five lines, of which the last, which begins at a distance of 2' from the proper right end, contains only three aksharas. The characters belong to the Nāgarī alphabet. As regards individual letters we may note that kh consists of two triangles joined by a horizontal line at the top; th shows a vertical stroke on the right; r exhibits two forms—one with a loop as in kridara, l. 3 and the other without it in Śabara, l. 1. Rai Bahadur Hiralal conjecturally referred the characters of this inscription to the 8th or 9th century A. D., but they appear to be somewhat later and may be of the 10th century A. D.

The language is Sanskrit. The record is written in prose throughout. It is written incorrectly and contains some mistakes of sandhi (as in $at\bar{o}$ $arth\bar{e}$ for $at\bar{o}='rth\bar{e}$ in 1. 4) and of gender (as in $sapath-\bar{e}da\bar{m}$ for $sapath\bar{o}='ya\bar{m}$ in the same line). The only **orthographical** peculiarity that calls for notice is that b is throughout denoted by the sign for v, see savara and savara and savara in 1. 2.

The record opens with Om namah and refers to a commander of the army (Balādhikrita) of Sabara. His name which is partly mutilated appears to be Siva. The object of the inscription seems to be to record the gift of a cess on the threshing floor together with a granary to some ascetic residing at the temple in the settlement of Brāhmaṇas for the benefit of (the god) Saṅkaranārāyaṇa, to whose temple the inscribed stone was apparently affixed. The record ends with the imprecation that whoever would offend against it would incur the sin of the slaughter of a Brāhmaṇa.

The preserved portion of the inscription contains no date, but, as stated above, it can, on palæographic evidence, be referred to the 10th century A.D. The illustrious Sabara mentioned here is perhaps identical with the Sabara, named Simha, mentioned in a fragmentary stone inscription found at Bhilsa, to which Dr. F. E. Hall has called attention in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Vol. XXXI, p. 111, n. 2. The latter inscription states that Vachaspati of the Kaundinya gotra, who was a minister of the king Krishna after defeating the lord of Chedi and slaving a Sabara named Simha placed the kings of the Rālā-mandala and Rōdapādi on the throne and repaired to the temple of Bhaillasvamin evidently at Bhilsa where he composed a stotra in praise of the god.1 From the mention of the lord of Chedi and the Sabara chief Simba together in the same line, Dr. Hall conjectured that the latter was the Chedian generalissimo. The Sabara of the present inscription, too, was no doubt subject to the contemporary Chedi or Kalachuri king. for a much defaced inscription at Bargaon to which General Cunningham has drawn attention? refers to a Kalachuri king or kings. But as the present inscription mentions a commander of the forces of this Sabara himself, it seems that he was a feudatory chief and not a mere generalissimo of the Chedi king. This fragmentary inscription at Bhilsa is also undated, but the date of the king Krishna, whose minister was Vachaspati, can be approximately fixed on other evidence. At Maser, a village about twenty-five miles north of Bhilsa, Mr. M. B. Garde, Director of Archeology,

 $^{^1}$ See 'Chēd-īśam samarē vijitya Śabaram samhritya Simh-āhvayam Rālā-maṇḍala-Rōdapādy-avanipō(pau) bhūmyām pratishthāpya cha Dēvam drashtum=ih=āgatō rachitavām(n) stōtram pavitram param śrīmat-Krishṇanrip-aika-mantri-pada-bhāk Kauṇḍinya-Vāchaspatih \parallel ' cited by Hall in J.~A.~S.~B., Vol. XXXI, p. 111, n. \dagger .

² Cunningham, A. S. R., Vol. XXI, p. 165.

Gwalior State, discovered in 1930 a fragmentary inscription in two pieces. It mentions one Narasimha of the Sulki (or Chālukya) family, who at the command of Krishņarāja initiated the wives of Kalachuri kings into widowhood. As Kēsari, the son of Narasimha, was, according to the inscription, appointed Tantrādhipa (Minister for home affairs) by Vākpati-Muñja (circa A.D. 972 to 995), Krishnarāja can be placed about A. D. 950. This conclusion is corroborated by the date V. 1039 (A. D. 982) of a pilgrim record which Mr. Garde has discovered on a pillar of a dilapidated mediæval temple at Maser. This record states the name of the god installed in the temple as Krishněśvara.2 The god was evidently so named after a king named Krishna who consequently must have flourished before A. D. 982. There is another piece of evidence which corroborates the above-mentioned date for Krishna. This Krishna is probably identical with Krishnapa of the Chandella family, a son of Yaśōvarman, mentioned in four out of six stone inscriptions at Dudahi, in the Lalitpur District, about 75 miles north by east of Bhilsa. According to both General Cunningham and Dr. Kielhorn this Yaśōvarman is the well-known Chandella king of that name, the father of Dhanga for whom we have dates ranging from A. D. 954 to A. D. 1002. Krishnapa may, therefore, be referred to the period A.D. 960-85. From the Khajuraho inscription of Dhanga, dated V. 1011, we learn that the Chandella kingdom in the beginning of his reign extended to Bhāsvat or Bhilsā in the south. It seems, therefore, that Dhanga placed his brother Krishna or Krishnapa in charge of the south-western portion of the Chandella kingdom extending at least from Dudahi in the north to Bbilsa in the south.

If the identification of the illustrious Śabara of the present inscription with the Śabara chief slain by Kṛishṇarāja's minister is accepted, the Śabara chief can be referred to the third quarter of the 10th century A. D. The Kalachuri suzerain to whom he owed allegiance was probably Śaṅkaragaṇa. The name of the god Śaṅkaraṇārāyaṇa appears somewhat curious.⁵ It seems to suggest that the temple was dedicated to Nārāyaṇa installed by Śaṅkara, who is probably identical with the Kalachuri prince of that name mentioned in the Kārītalāi stone inscription of Lakshmaṇarāja II.⁶ It is noteworthy in this connection that he is called a parama-vaishṇava or devout worshipper of Vishṇu in that record.

¹ Annual Report of the Archaeological Department, Gwalior State, for 1930-31, p. 10.

² I owe this information to the kindness of Mr. Garde.

³ These inscriptions were discovered by Cunningham, see his A. S. R., Vol. X, pp. 94-5, plate xxxii, and edited by Kielhorn in Ind. Ant., Vol. XVIII, pp. 236-37.

⁴ Above, Vol. I, p. 129.

^{* [}Śańkaranārāyaṇa here apparently refers to an image of Harihara.—Ed.]

^{*} Ibid., Vol. II, pp. 174 ff. This king must now be called Lakshmanaraja II in view of an earlier king of the same name; see above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 255 ff.

⁷ From inked estampages.

⁸ Expressed by a symbol.

⁹ Read Balādhikrita -.

¹⁶ The anusvara on ra is very faint. Some word like cha may have been lost after kridaram.

4 कं अतो अर्थै यो विभिचरित² तस्य भ्रपथिदं³ व्र(ब्र)ह्महत्य(त्या)पातके⁴ . . .

5 स्य दूति⁵ [॥*]

TRANSLATION.

(Ll. 1-3) Succes! Om! Adoration! [Śiva], the Balādhikṛita of the illustrious Śabara... has given the cess at the threshing floor and a granary for the holy Śankaranārāyaṇa to ..., the ascetic residing in the temple (which is the only one) in the entire settlement of the Brāhmaṇas venerated by

(Ll. 4-5) Whoever will deviate from this, for him is this (our) imprecation that he shall incur the sin of killing a Brāhmana

No. 29.—JIRJINGI PLATES OF GANGA INDRAVARMAN: THE YEAR 39.

By R. K. GHOSHAL, M.A., CALCUTTA.

The plates which bear the subjoined inscription were turned up along with pieces of old pottery in course of excavation of an old temple in the village of Jirjingi near Tekkali in the Ganjām District of the Madras Presidency. They were secured by Sir A. P. Patro, Kt., who made them over to Mr. R. Subba Rao of the Andhra Historical Research Society of Rajahmundry. Mr. Rao subsequently published them in the Society's Journal. In view of the great importance justly attached to this record for the early history of the Ganga kings of Orissa, and considering its rather inadequate treatment by Mr. Rao, I re-edit the inscription from excellent ink-impressions kindly supplied by Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, the Government Epigraphist for India.

These are three plates of copper, each measuring $8\frac{1}{4}$ by 3". Towards the proper right end of each plate, there is a hole through which passed a ring, 3" in diameter, the ends of which, however, remain un-soldered, owing to the fact that the seal which must have been fixed to this ring is missing. The weight of the plates is $56\frac{1}{2}$ tolas, and that of the ring $12\frac{1}{2}$ tolas, making a total of 69 tolas. The edges of the plates are slightly raised into rims so as to protect the inscription. The first and the third plates have writing on their inner faces only, while the

¹ Used in the sense of asminn=arthe.

² Read vyabhicharati.

³ Read sapathō='yam

⁴ The original perhaps contained pātakēna samyuktō bhavishyati.

⁵ Read °sy=ēti.

^{*}Khala-bhikshā, lit. alms at a threshing floor, was probably a tax in kind which was paid to the state when the corn was threshed. The right to receive the contribution seems to have been transferred to the donee. Whether the cess at one or all the threshing floors in the particular locality was conferred on the donee the record does not make clear. The Kārītalāi stone inscription of Lakshmaņarāja (II) (above, Vol. II, pp. 174 ff.) refers in line 34 to the donation of four khala-bhikshās.

⁷ Brahma-stambha occurs in verse 14 of the Jabalpur and Khairhā grants of Yaśahkarna, (above, Vols. II, p. 4 and XII, p. 212) but there, too, the correct expression evidently is brahma-stamba meaning 'a settlement of Brāhmapas.' The same verse occurs in the Kumbhī plates of Vijayasimha. Dr. Hall's transcript of it gives the reading brahma-stambā. See J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, p, 117.

⁸J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 49 ff. Also noticed in the An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy for 1935-36 (C. P. No. 9).

second one is inscribed on both sides. The plates are in a state of perfect preservation and the engraving is clear throughout. The first and third plates, which are inscribed on one side only, have seven lines of writing apiece, while the second one contains six lines on each of its sides,—thus twenty-six lines in all. The height of the letters is about \(\frac{1}{3}'' \) on the average.

The characters belong to the southern class of alphabets and have resemblance to those used in the Gōdāvarī plates of Prithivimūla,¹ Gōkāk Plates of Dējja-Mahārāja,² the Srungavara-pukōṭa³ and Siripuram⁴ plates of Anantavarman, king of Kalinga.

The script of the Jirjingi plates has further some obvious resemblance to that employed in some of the early inscriptions from Cambodia.

The inscription under discussion furnishes examples of initial a in lines 1, 4, 8, 14 and 22 and of initial \bar{a} in 1, 24 as well as of final m (Il. 18 and 21) and t (I. 25), which are so indicated by their smaller size. The northern form of l is employed in -sakala (I. 1) and $-lat\bar{a}$ (I. 8).

The numerical symbols for 1, 9, 20 and 30 are contained in the date in line 25.

The language is Sanskrit. With the exception of two of the customary verses at the end, the whole of the record is in prose.

Among orthographical peculiarities deserving notice are (1) the use of the $jihv\bar{a}m\bar{u}l\bar{i}ya$ in l. 21; (2) the use of the guttural nasal in place of $anusv\bar{a}ra$ in $-nistrin\dot{s}a$ (l. 5); (3) the doubling of dh and the change of the first dh into d in $-\bar{a}nuddhy\bar{a}tas=$ (l. 10); (4) the doubling throughout of a consonant after r; (5) the occasional doubling of a consonant before r, as in $sag\bar{o}ttr\bar{a}ya$ (l. 13). In $Ttaittir\bar{i}ya$ (l. 13) the doubling of the first letter is ungrammatical. Both b and v are indicated by the sign for the latter, exceptions being sam(sa)mbaddha (l. 11) and $kutumbina[s^*=]$ (l. 12). The rules of sandhi have not been observed in a few cases.

The object of the inscription is to record a grant, which is non-sectarian in character, by Mahārāja Indravarman, Lord of Trikalinga, 'a sun in the firmament of the spotless family of the Gangas'. The grant is issued from the city of Dantapura and concerns the village of Jijjika situated in the Vōnkhara-bhōga, which is given away as an agrahāra, in equal shares, to Agnisvāmin, son of Rudrasvāmin, and the former's (i.e., Agnisvāmin's) son Rudrasvāmin, who belonged to the Vishņuvriddha gōtra and the Taittirīya śākhā.

The date is given, in figures only, as in the Year 39 on the 21st day of the month of Vaiśākha. The year in all probability refers itself to the Gāṅga era. The present record, therefore, may be considered as the earliest inscription of the Eastern Gaṅga kings discovered so far.⁵

The charter was written by the king's Sāndhivigrahīka Dēvasimhadēva.

There has been lately some discussion over the question of identity and antecedence of Indravarman, Lord of Trikalinga, of the present record. Mr. R. Subba Rao identifies the donor

¹ J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 114 ff.

² Ibid., Vol. XXIII, pp. 56 ff.

² Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 289 ff.

⁴ Ibid., Vol. XXIV, pp. 47 ff.

⁵ The next oldest inscription of the Eastern Gangas yet available is the Narasingapalli plates of Hastivarman of the Year 79 (see Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 62 ff.). There is much uncertainty about the reading of the date in the stray plate from Tirlingi which has been assumed by Mr. S. N. Rajaguru (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 54 ff.) to belong to the Year 28 of the Ganga era. Much of this uncertainty will undoubtedly be removed when the remaining plates of the set come to light and clear impressions of them are made available to scholars. It seems therefore premature, just now, to doubt, as has been done by Mr. G. Ramdas (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, pp. 82-3), the genuineness of the Tirlingi plate on what appears to be very flimsy grounds.

[«] J. A. H. R. S., Vol. V1, ρ. 72.

of this grant with Adhirāja Indra, who, as recorded in the Gōdāvarī plates of Prithivimūla, is said to have overthrown in battle one Indrabhaṭṭāraka¹. This latter potentate has been equated by Dr. J. F. Fleet² with the Eastern Chālukya king of the same name who was the younger brother of Jayasimha I and father of Vishnuvardhana II; while according to Drs. Kielhorn³ and Jouveau-Dubreuil,⁴ Indrabhaṭṭāraka should rather belong to the Vishnukuṇḍin dynasty. We along with Mr. Subba Rao⁵ are inclined provisionally to subscribe to this latter view.

It seems that the Vishņukuṇḍins being hard pressed by the Eastern Chālukya kings pushed further northward from their original home in the Kistnā district⁶ of the Madras presidency. Their chief opponents in this direction were the Gaṅga kings of Kaliṅga who had then only recently eked out an independent principality in and about the Ganjām district. The two contending armies seem to have met each other in the heart of the delta of the Gōdāvarī, possibly somewhere near the modern town of Rajahmundry. As has been claimed in the Gōdāvarī plates, victory rested for the time being with the Kaliṅga forces. And it is quite probable that Indravarman returned in triumph to his capital at Dantapura. The victory over the Vishṇukuṇḍins further prompted him to assume the (then rather anomalous) title of 'Lord of Trikaliṅga' (Trikaliṅgādhipati), seeing that his hold over the three contiguous districts of Gōdāvarī, Vizagapatam and Ganjām' now became practically undisputed. To this victory may also be attributed his description in our inscription as 'the thousand-rayed (sun) in the firmament of the spotless family of the Gaṅgas'. Indeed, the might of Indravarman may be said to have dispelled the threatening clouds of a dangerous foreign offensive.

At this point it becomes necessary for us to take into consideration a number of kings whose records should be placed on palæographical grounds in the period A.D. 400-500, roughly indicating the interval between the southern campaign of Samudragupta and the rise of the Eastern Ganga dynasty. These are Anantavarman of the Srungavarapukōṭa⁸ and Siripuram⁹ plates, Šaktivarman of the Rāgōlu plates, ¹⁰ Umavarman of the Bṛihatprōshṭhā¹¹, Dhavalapēṭa¹² and Tekkali¹³ plates, Chandavarman of the Kōmarti¹⁴ and Tiritthāṇa¹⁵ plates, Ananta-Śaktivarman

¹ J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 119. Dr. G. Jouveau-Dubreuil, however, assumes on the evidence of the Rāmatīrtham plates that it was the Vishņukuṇḍin monarch who emerged triumphant from this struggle (Ancient History of the Deccan, p. 91).

² Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, p. 120.

³ Above, Vol. IV, p. 195.

^{*} Ancient History of the Deccan, pp. 76 and 91.

⁵ In an earlier study (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. II, p. 159), Mr. Subba Rao held that Adhirāja Indra of the Gōdā-varī plates should be identified with Indravarman of the Achyutapuram (above, Vol. III, pp. 128 ff.) and Parlā-Kimeḍi (Ind. Ant., Vol. XVI, pp. 131 ff.) plates. Dr. Fleet, on the other hand, was inclined to identify Adhirāja Indra with the Indravarman of the Chicacole plates of the Years 128 and 146 (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 120 ff.).

⁶ Above, Vol. IV, p. 195.

² However, no inscriptions of Indravarman expressly under his own name have turned up yet from either of the districts of Gödävarī and Vizagapatam. The Ganjām district on the contrary remained the stronghold of the Eastern Gangas throughout their history, as can be judged from the imposing array of copper-plate inscriptions beginning from the Jirjingi plates onwards.

⁸ Above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 56 ff.

⁹ Ibid., Vol. XXIV, pp. 47 ff.

¹⁰ Ibid., Vol. XII, pp. 1 ff.

¹¹ Ibid., pp. 4 ff.

¹² J. A. H. R. S., Vol. X, pp. 143 ff.

¹³ An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy (1934-35), C. P. No. 13.

¹⁴ Above, Vol. IV, pp. 142 ff.

¹⁵ An. Rep. on South Indian Epigraphy (1934-35), C. P. No. 12.

of the Madras Museum plates, Nanda¹-Prabhañjanavarman of the Chicacole plates² and Visākhavarman of the Kōrōshaṇḍā plates.³

All of these potentates, with the exception of Viśākhavarman, call themselves 'kings of Kalinga' (Kalingādhipati). It is probable that these kings rose into prominence in the period following the withdrawal of the arms of Samudragupta from the south. After him the Guptas never actively interested themselves in South Indian politics, thus affording ample opportunity for these chiefs, as they originally were, to raise their heads and assume regal distinctions. Naturally, as some of them were living contemporaneously with others, they fought vehemently among themselves for control of the territory now covered by the districts of Gōdāvarī and Vizagapatam. Their objective, at least that of some of them, was perhaps the Orissa littoral, pushing through the districts of Ganjām and Puri right up to the outskirts of Balasore and beyond that the important port of Tāmraliptī on the Bay of Bengal. This was the period which coincided with the gradual rise to power of the Eastern Gangas under the capable leadership of Indravarman. It is not yet possible, in the absence of more substantial details of historical value, to make out the relation, if there were any, in which all these early 'kings' stood to one another. While some of them like Saktivarman, Umavarman and Višākhavarman may have flourished' before the time of Indravarman, it is probable that others like Anantavarman and Nanda-

¹ Ibid., No. 24.

² Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 48 ff. Here we may in passing be permitted to dwell a little on the significance of the prefix 'Nanda' coming before the name of this king. Dr. D. C. Sircar's suggestion (Journ. Dept. of Letters, Calcutta University, Vol. XXVI, p. 66, f. n. 2) that it denotes "Prabhañjanavarman of the Nanda family" seems to be somewhat speculative as it is without a parallel in the early history of Kalinga. A simpler and more reasonable explanation would be that 'Nanda' is here used as an honorific adjective (qualifying Prabhañjanavarman) in the sense of 'one who pleases everybody'. In fact, another variant of the same word, 'Nandaka', has the significant meaning of 'one who gladdens one's family' (cf. V. S. Apte, The Practical Sanskrit-English Dictionary, 2nd ed., Bombay, 1912, p. 535). The names of some of the early Pallava kings like Śiva-Skandavarman, Vijaya-Skandavarman, etc., could be cited (as suggested by Dr. Sircar in Successors of the Sātavāhanas in Lower Deccan, pp. 166-67) as parallel instances of such honorific prefixes being in common use in South India from an early time.

³ Above, Vol. XXI, pp. 23 ff.

⁴ Mr. G. Ramdas, however, advances (above, Vol. XXI, p. 24) two plausible reasons in support of his supposition that Viśākhavarman was a Kalinga king. These are (1) Kōrāsōḍaka-Panchālī, mentioned in the Kōrōshaṇḍā plates, "formed a part of the Kalinga Country", and (2) Śrīpura from which the Kōrōshaṇḍā plates were issued may be identified with Siripuram (Vizagapatam district) which is close to the ancient district of Varāhavartanī of Kalinga. Mr. G. V. Srinivasa Rao, on the other hand, suggests (above, Vol. XXIV, p. 49) that Srīpura of the Kōrōshaṇḍā plates may rather be the Siripuram, a village near Chicacole, the find-spot of the inscription of another 'king of Kalinga' (Kalingādhipati), viz., Anantavarman.

[§] A most convincing and significant evidence of this having been the actual state of things is afforded by the Srungavarapukōta plates of Anantavarman (above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 56 ff.), 'Lord of Kalinga', whose grandfather, Gunavarman, is called 'Lord of Dēvarāshṭra' (identified with modern Yellamanchili tāluk of the Vizagapatam district) and who himself issued his grant from Pishṭapura (identified generally with modern Pithāpuram in the Gōdāvarī district). Both of these countries constituted two distinct kingdoms in the time of Samudragupta.

⁶ About this time the Balasore district seems to have been in the hands of a group of chiefs, of obscure antecedents and relation, who called themselves (with one exception) mahārāja. Four inscribed copper-plates purporting to belong to their rule have recently been published by the late lamented Mr. N. G. Majumdar (above, Vol. XXII, pp. 197 ff.). Incidentally, there is one more (rather imperfectly studied) inscription belonging to one of these chiefs which escaped the notice of Mr. Majumdar. This latter record I hope shortly to deal with in this journal.

⁷ This of course is more in the nature of a conjecture as we have no more a basis than that of the indefinite evidence of palæography of the records concerned. It seems rather distressing that some of these 'kings' did not think it worthwhile to put on record the names of their fathers.

Prabhañjanavarman lived contemporaneously with Indravarman. It is even possible that the latter was originally a petty chief of no political position, wielding his influence over a small stretch of territory in the Gōdāvarī valley. In course of time he collected a large following, with whose help he set forth to carve out an independent realm for himself. The Ganjām district conveniently abutting on the Orissan frontier and affording avenues for further northward expansion, satisfactorily answered his expectations. And while yet endeavouring to build up the nucleus of a future empire, disquieting news reached him of clashing of steel at his rear in the Gōdāvarī valley. In all haste, Indravarman prepared and launched an offensive, and, ultimately, after what must have been quite a number of fierce engagements, succeeded in maintaining his hold over the Gōdāvarī and Vizagapatam districts, while improving and fortifying his base in the Ganjām district.

Unfortunately, the material at our disposal does not permit us yet to develop in fuller details the reconstruction of the history of the rise of the Eastern Ganga power. What we have contented ourselves with doing is to suggest the broad outlines of a story which after all may not be quite out of tune with those hectic days in the history of Kalinga. At least, and it appears to lend some force of conviction to our line of argument, it would explain the claim, though somewhat conventionalised in form, of Indravarman in our present record (ll. 4-7) to have subdued in more than one battle many 'chiefs' by his own prowess. It does not seem to be an empty pandering to the vanities of a disillusioned patron by his scribe. No other epithet could describe the feat of this valiant soldier more aptly.

Of the localities mentioned, Dantapura is referred to for the first time in this record. It occurs next in the Purle plates1 of Indravarman (year 149). The place had a Buddhist association in that the left canine tooth of the lower jaw of the Buddha is said to have been brought over there by one of the Master's disciples and a stupa built over it. Subsequently, it was taken away to Ceylon. A verse preserved in the Digha Nikāya, and incorrectly reproduced in the Mahāvastu, speaks of Dantapura as the capital of the Kalingas.2 It is also mentioned as such in the Mahagovinda-suttanta.3 The Jatakas refer several times to this city, which fact doubtlessly establishes its antiquity. Many suggestions have been advanced in regard to the identification of this ancient city. Sir Alexander Cunningbams located it at modern Rajahmundry on the Godavari. Mr. Ramdase places it in the neighbourhood of Chicacole. Professor Sylvain Lévi identified this Dantapura with the Paloura of Ptolemy? and was inclined to seek for it somewhere near modern Chicacole.8 Mr. N. L. Dey, on the other hand, suggested9 its identification with modern Dantan on the river Kasai in the Midnapur district of Bengal. According to Mr. R. Subba Rao, 10 Dantapura may be looked for in "the ruins of the fort of the same name, situated on the southern bank of the river Vamsadhara, three miles from Chicacole Road Station" of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway. According to another view,11 "the place must be near

¹ Above, Vol. XIV, pp. 361-62.

² Cambridge History of India, Vol. I, pp. 172-73.

³ Dīaha Nikāya (P. T. S.), p. 235.

See now, Ratilal N. Mehta, Pre-Buddhist India, Bombay 1939, p. 401, s. v. Dantapura.

⁵ Geography of Ancient India (ed. by S. N. Majumdar-Sastri), pp. 592-3.

⁶ Above, Vol. XIV, p. 361.

⁷ L. Renou, La Géographie de Ptolémée, L'Inde (VII, 16), Paris 1925.

⁸ P. C. Bagchi, Pre-Aryan and Pre-Dravidian in India, pp. 163 ff; especially, p. 171.

⁹ Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediæval India, 2nd ed., p. 53.

¹⁰ J. A. H. R. S., Vol. VI, p. 73.

¹¹ J. B. O. R. S., Vol. XXI, pp. 137-38.

the Chilkā Lake and the old route from Malud". Pandit Nilakantha Das, finally, believes that "Dantapur is undoubtedly the present Puri of Jagannath".

A like divergence of opinion prevails over the question of connotation of the geographical expression Trikalinga. According to Mr. R. D. Banerji², Trikalinga comprised within it the tracts of country anciently known as Kalinga, Tōsala and Utkala; while Dr. R. G. Basak believes³ that it included Udra (Orissa proper), Kōngōda and Kalinga. Mr. G. Ramdas lastly holds that Trikalinga denoted "the highlands intervening between the cost (sic) strip called Kalinga and the Dakshina-Kōsala or the modern Chatisgarh (sic)".4

The village of **Jijjika** which was given away, is evidently, as already suggested by Mr. Subba Rao,⁵ the same as the modern village of Jirjingi, the find-spot of our record, in the Tekkali Zemindary of the Ganjām district. The **Võňkhara**-bhōga, in which the village granted was situated, I am unable to identify.

The date of the record is given as the 21st day of Vaisākha of the year 39 of the prosperous reign [of the Gangas]. The epoch of this era being still unsettled, it is hazardous to attempt at any sure estimation of its correct age. Failing all other help, we are constrained to fall back on the solitary evidence of the palæography of the record under discussion. Taking all things into consideration and leaving a reasonable margin on either side, we would refer this record to the period 475-550 A.D.

TEXT.6

First Plate.

- 1 Öm? Svasti [||*] Amara-pura-pratisparddhi-śri(śrī)mad-Dantapurād=bhagavatas=
 - 2 vana-tal-otpatti-sthiti-pralaya-hetoh Parameśvarasya satata-prana-
 - 3 m-āvāptah punya-sanchaya-prabhāva-nirast-āśēsha-duritō Gāng-āmala-kula-
 - 4 gagana-tala-sahasraraśmih anēka-chāturddanta-samara-vijaya-
 - 5 vimala-viköśa-nistrińśa¹⁰-dhārā-samākrānta-sakala-sāmanta-
 - 6 nripati-mandal-ādhipatih11-makuţa-nihita-ruchira-padmarāga-
 - 7 prabhā-prasēka-parishvanga-pingāngīkrita12-charaņa-yugalah

Second Plate; First Side.

- 8 atula-va(ba)la-samuday-āvāpta-vipula-vibhava-sampal-latā-
- 9 mandapa-chehhāyā-viśrānta-suhrit-sādhu-vā(bā)ndhav-ārtthi-janah
- 10 mata-pitri-pad-anuddhyatas=Trikaling-adhipati-śri-Maha-

¹ J. A. H. R. S., Vol. II, p. 23.

² History of Orissa, Vol. I, map facing p. 49.

³ History of North-Eastern India, p. 161.

⁴ J. A. H. R. S., Vol. I, pp. 16 ff.; esp. p. 23.

⁸ Ibid., Vol. III, p. 49.

^{*} From ink-impressions kindly supplied by the Government Epigraphist for India.

⁷ Expressed by a symbol.

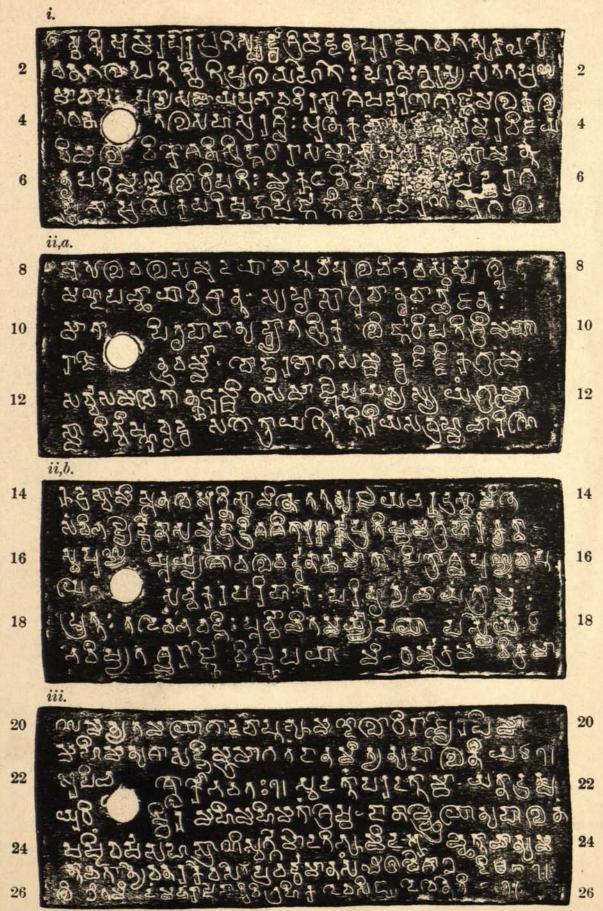
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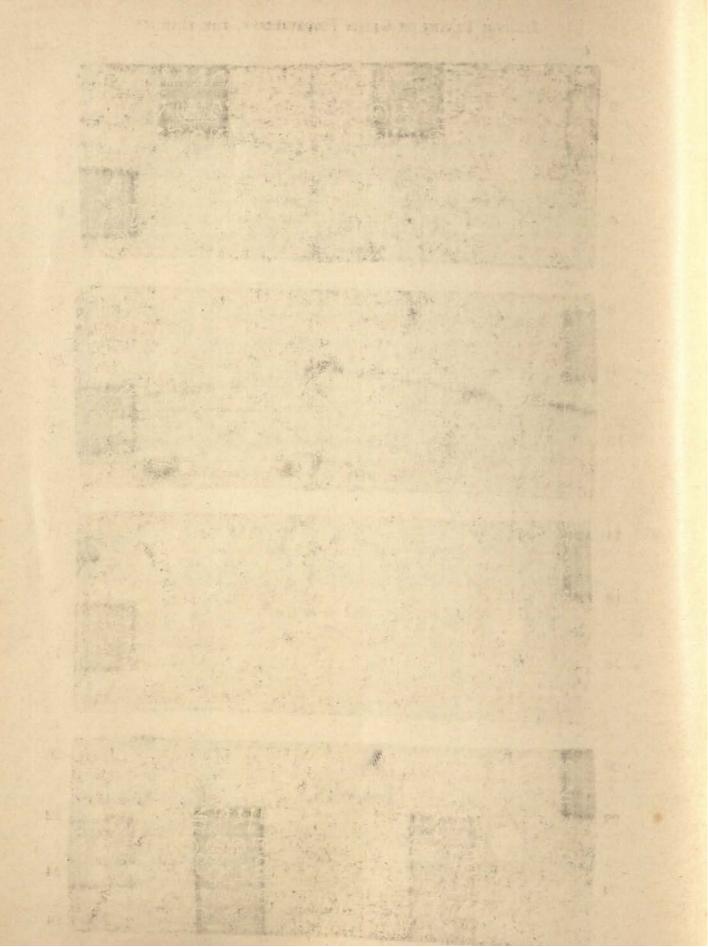
P Read -āvāpta-.

¹⁰ Read -nistrimsa.

¹¹ Read -ādhipati-.

¹² Better read -piśangikrita-.





- 11 rāj-Ēndravarmmā | Võnkhara-bhōga-²sammbaddha-Jijjika-grāmē
- 12 sarvva-samavētān=kuţumbina[s*]=samājñāpayaty=asty=ayam grāmō
- 13 smābhir=Vvishņuvriddha-sagottrāya Ttai(Tai)ttirīya-savra(bra)hmachāriņē

Second Plate; Second Side.

- 14 Rudrasvāmi-sūnavē Agnisvāminē tat-tanujāya cha Rudrasvāminē
- 15 samvibbajy=ārddhēn=ā-samudr-ādri-śaśi-tārak-ārkka-pratishṭham=agrahāram kṛitvā
- 16 sva-puny-āyū(yu)r-yyaśō-va(ba)la-varddhan-ārttha[m*] mātā-pittrōś=cha puny-āvāpta-
- 17 yē | sarvva-kara-parihārai[h*] | parihritya ch=āyam grāmah
- 18 prattah [|*] tad=ēvam bhavadbhih pūrvv-ōchita-maryyāday=ōpasthēyam [|*]
- 19 bhavishyataś=cha rājñō vijñāpayāmi | dharmma-krama-vikramā-

Third Plate.

- 20 ņām-anyatama-yōgād-avāpta-bhūmandal-ādhirājyair-apimā(p-īmām)
- 21 mahīm=anuśāsadbhili kram-āgatam dānamī(m=i)ty=anupālanīyam
- 22 api cha ślōkau bhavataḥ | 3Sva-dattām para-dattām mvā(vā) yatnād=raksha
- 23 Yudhishthira [|*] mahī[m*] mahimatām śrēshtha dānāch=chhrēyō=nupālanam-(nam) [||1*]
- 24 Shashtim varsha-sahasrāni svarggē modati bhūmida[h*] | āchchhēttā ch=ānuma-
- 25 ntā cha tāny=ēva narakē vasēt [|| 2*] pravarddhamāna-sam 30 94 Vaišākha-di 20 1 ||
- 26 likhitam=idam mahārājñō³ sāndhivigrahīka-Dēvasiṅgha(siṁha)dēvēn=ēti ||

TRANSLATION.

(L. 1) Om Hail!

From the beautiful (city of) Dantapura, which vies with Amarāvatī (the city of gods), the glorious Mahārāja Indravarman, Lord of Trikalinga—who has had all his sins removed by dint of his accumulation of religious merit obtained through his constantly doing obeisance to Siva who is the cause of creation, preservation and destruction of the entire world; who is a sun in the firmament of the spotless family of the Gangas; who has his pair of feet made tawny-coloured by their contact with the lustre of brilliant rubies infixed to the crowns of all the sāmantanripatis and mandalādhipatis whom he had subdued by his stainless and unsheathed sword while winning many a battle of four-tusked (elephants); who has his friends, the virtuous, relatives

¹ The stop seems to have been indicated by a single dot. This is however superfluous.

² Read -sambaddha -.

³ Metre Anushtubh; and in the following verse.

⁴ Mr. R. Subba Rao first read the date as 309. Subsequently, however, he corrected his mistake in a slip attached opposite the title-page of the same number of the journal in which his article appeared (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. III, Part I). Cf. also in this connection a note by Dr. D. C. Sircar (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. VII, pp. 229 ff.) also An. Rep. on S. Ind. Epi. for 1934-35, Part II, p. 55.

⁵ Read mahārājasya.

⁶ I have preferred to leave these two titles untranslated accepting the strictures passed by Dr. J. F. Fleet (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, p. 114, n. 2) on the common practice of rendering such technical expressions into (meaningless) English.

⁷ Chaturdanta signifies, traditionally, the far-famed mount of Indra, viz., Airāvata. [See above, Vol. XXII, p. 178. n. 4.—Ed.]

and supplicants enjoying comfort under the shade of an arbour, as it were, of his enormous wealth obtained by his unequalled might and exertion; who is devoted to the feet of his parents—issues (the following) order to all the assembled householders of the village of Jijika belonging to the Võnkhara-bhōga¹:—

- (L. 12) "We have granted this village, in two equal shares,—after making it an agrahāra which is to last as long as the ocean, the mountain, the moon, the stars and the sun, and freeing it from all impositions, for the increase of Our own religious merit, life, fame and strength as well as for the acquisition of religious merit of Our parents—to Agnisvāmin, son of Rudrasvāmin and to his (Agnisvāmin's) son Rudrasvāmin, who belong to the Vishņuvriddha gōtra and are religious students of the Taittirīya šākhā.
 - "Therefore, you should abide by this (order) according to usages obtaining heretofore.
- "I also exhort the future kings:—" Even having obtained possession of the entire world by means of right, inheritance, or conquest, while ruling on this earth, they should always preserve this gift."

"And there are also two verses:

(Verse 1)—O Yudhishthira! Most excellent among the possessors of land! diligently preserve (a gift of) land given by yourself or given by somebody else. Maintenance (of a donation) is more meritorious than donation (itself).

(Verse 2)—A donor of land enjoys himself in heaven for sixty thousand years. A confiscator (thereof) and one who consents (to the confiscation) remain in hell for the same number of years."

(L. 25) The increasing Year 30 9; the day 20 1 of (the month c/) Vaisākha.

(L. 26) This has been written by the king's Sandhivigrahika2 Dēvasimhadēva.

¹ For a note on bhoga, see above, Vol. XXIII, pp. 59 and 64.

² Dr. A. C. Burnell quotes (Elements of South Indian Palæography, 1st ed., Mangalore, 1874, pp. 64-66) passages from old texts like the Yājāavalkya Dharmaśāstra, the Mitāksharā, the Smritichandrikā, etc., to show that common usage required that the Sāndhivigrahīka, among other officials of the same rank, should be entrusted with the task of drafting a royal grant (rājaśāsana).

No. 30.—POONA PLATES OF CHALUKYA VINAYADITYA; SAKA 612.

BY MADRO SARUP VATS, M.A.

This grant, consisting of three copper-plates each measuring $9\frac{\pi}{4} \times 4$ in. and held together by a big ring, was purchased by me in 1936 at Poona as Superintendent of the Western Circle. To the ring, which is $3\frac{\pi}{4}$ in. in diameter, is affixed a projecting seel, somewhat oval $(1\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in.), of which the countersunk surface is relieved with the figure of the boar (incarnation of Vishņu) as is usually found on grants of the Western Chalukyas of Badāmi. The seal is however without any legend. The weight of the three plates together with the ring and the seal is about 3 lbs, and 14 oz.

The first and the third plates, as is usual with such grants, are inscribed on the inner face only and the second or the middle one on both. The inscription, which I have edited from the original plates, is in an excellent state of preservation and consists of 35 lines of writing, i.e., nine on each face except the last one which has only eight lines. The orthography is generally regular, though in a few places the rules of sandhi are not observed, e.g., in Vishnöh Vārāham (l. 1), "smābhih dvādas" (l. 23). It is wrongly observed in bālindu (l. 18). A consonant followed or preceded by r is generally doubled as in kshōbhit-ārnnava (l. 1), varttamānē (l. 24), paurnnamāsyām (l. 25), etc., and in sagōttrānām (l. 2), putīrānām (l. 3), pavittrīkrīta-gāttrasya (l. 6), māttra (l. 11), etc.

Except the grantee, the property granted and the date, the present record agrees very closely with the published grants of the Chalukya sovereign Vinayāditya.¹ It opens with the stereotyped description of the Chalukya family in which Pulakēśin I, Kīrtivarman, Satyāśraya (Pulakēśin II), Vikramāditya and Vinayāditya Satyāśraya ruled as direct descendants. When Vinayāditya was encamped at the village Mañchōha,¹ which is probably no other than Manchhar in the Poona district on the road to Nāsik, he issued the grant at the request of his queen on the full moon day of Vaiśākha, Śaka year 612 expired, corresponding to his 10th² regnal year in favour of two Brāhmaņas named Durgašarman and Ravíšarman of the Kāśyapa gōtra². This date corresponds to Friday, 29th April 690 A.D. The property granted consisted of a field measuring 50 nicurtanas of land in the village of Tōravē, presumably the same as the modern village Torveh in the Bījāpur District. The record closes with the name of its writer Śrī-Rāmapuṇyavallabha, the high minister of peace and war who is mentioned in all other grants of the king.

As several inscriptions of dates earlier and later than that of the present grant have already been found, this record adds very little to our knowledge of the history of the Chalukya family.

¹ Cf. Togarchëdu plates of Saka 611 (J. B. B. R. A. S., Vol. XVI, pp. 242-44) and Sorab grant of Saka 614 (Ind. Ant., Vol. XIX, pp. 140-52).

^{*(}See p. 291, n. 1 below,-Ed.)

² The difficulty of reconciling the dates given in Saka Samvat with the regnal years of Vinayaditya has already been referred to by J. F. Fleet in editing the Sorab copper-plate grant of this king, cf. Ind. Ant., Vol. XIX, pp. 148-49.

^{*[}The gift was made kenyū-dharmm-ārthans which I take in the sense of kenyū-dana-dharm-ārthans, i.e., for the merit accruing from the gift of a girl (in marriage). Apparently the girls were given in marriage to the two Brahmin denses by the queen. The "gift of a girl" to a learned Brahmin entails great merit and according to Dharmaëāstras this should be accompanied by grant of lands among other gifts. See Hēmādri, Chatsrargu-chintāmani, Dānakhanda, Pt. II (ed. S. A. Deekshita, Benares), pp. 649-50.—Ed.]

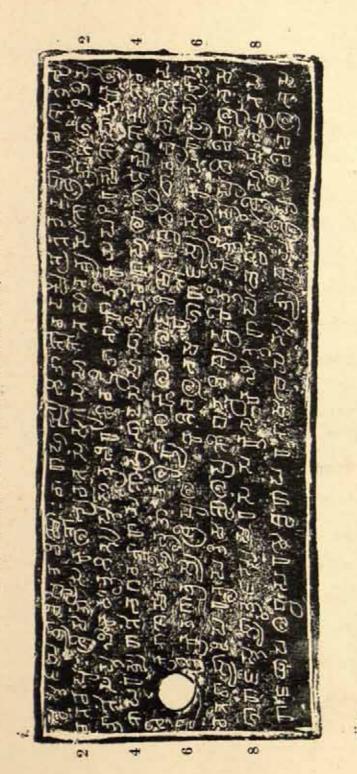
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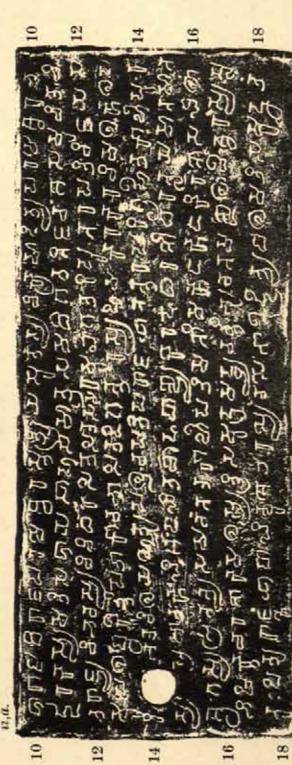
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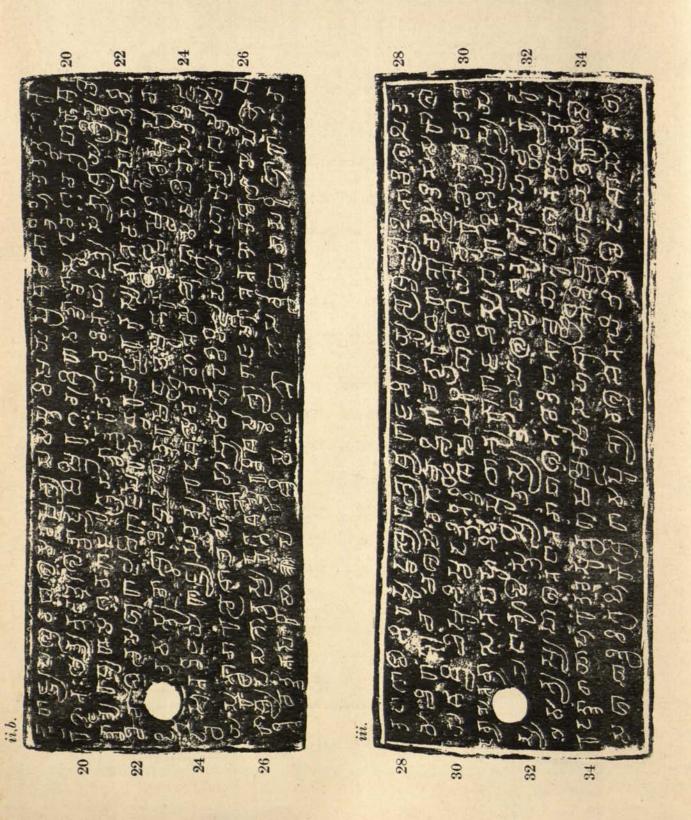
- 1 स्त्रिस्त [॥*] जयत्याविष्कृतं विष्तिः वाराइं¹ चीभितार्षवं(वम्) [।*] दक्तिणीवतदंष्ट्रा-प्रवियान्तभु-
- 2 वनं वपु: [॥*] त्रीमतां सकलभुवनसंस्त्यमानमानव्यसगीचाणां ज्ञारितीपु-
- 3 चाणां सप्तनीकमाद्यभिच्यप्तमाद्यभिरभिवर्षितानां कार्त्तिकेयपरिरचणप्राप्तकच्या-
- 4 गपरम्पराणां भगवद्रारायगप्रसादसमासादितवराहलाञ्चनेचगच्चाव-
- 5 शीलताश्रेषसधीसतां चलुकानां कुलसलद्वरिक्षीरव्यमधावस्वसानप-
- 6 विज्ञीकतगाचस्य श्रीपुलकशिवक्षभमहाराजस्य सुनुः पराक्रमाक्षान्त-
- 7 वनवास्वादिपरन्द्रपतिसण्डलप्रणिवडविग्रडकीर्त्तः कीर्त्तिवर्म्पप्रथिवीवज्ञभस-
- 8 हाराजस्तस्यात्मजस्यमरसंस्रतस्यक्तीत्तरापयेष्वर्यीहर्षवहेनप-
- १ राजयोपलक्षपरमञ्जरापरनामधेयसात्वात्रयत्रीष्ट्रिवीवल्लमम-

Second Plate : First Side.

- 10 हाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वरस्तित्रयसुतस्य विक्रमादित्यपरमेश्वरम-
- 11 हारकच्य मितसहायसाहसमान्रसमधिगतनिजवंग्रससुचितचि-
- 12 तराज्यविभवस्य विविधरसितसितसमरसुखगतरिपुनरपतिविजयस-
- 13 मुपलब्धकीर्त्तिपनाकावभासितदिगन्तरस्य द्विमकरकरविमलकुलप-
- 14 रिभवविजयच्चितुपण्णवपतिपराजयानन्तरपरिग्रज्ञीतकाञ्चीपुर-
- 15 स्य प्रभावकुलियद्वितचीकपास्क्राकेरकधरणीधरचयसानसान-
- 10 ग्रंगस्य अनन्यसमयनतकाश्चीपतिसण्यमकुटकुटकिरणसन्तिना-
- 17 भिषिताचरणवासलस्य विसमुद्रमहावर्त्तिभुवनसण्डलाधीश्वरस्य सू-
- 18 नु: पितुराज्ञया बालि(ली)न्दुग्रेखरस्त्रेव सेनानीहरूबबलमितसमुद्रतं







Second Plate; Second Side.

- 19 नैराज्यपत्तवबलमवष्टभ्य समस्तविषयप्रश्मनादिहिततन्मनीनु-
- 20 रञ्जन: ग्रत्यन्तवत्मलत्वाद्यधिष्ठिर इव श्रीरामत्वाद्वासुदेव इव नृपांकुश-
- 21 त्वा(त्वा)त्परश्राम इव राजाश्रयत्वाइरत इव विनयादित्यसत्याश्रयश्रीपृधि-
- 22 वीवस्ममाचाराजाधिराजपरमेखरभद्दारकसार्वानेवमाज्ञापयति वि-
- 23 दितमस्तु वीस्माभिः हादशीत्तरषद्भु(द्रश्र)तेषु शकवर्षेष्वतीतेषु प्रव-
- 24 ईमानविजयराज्यसंवतारे दश्मे वर्त्तमाने ¹मञ्जोङ्गाममधिवसति विज-
- 25 यस्त्रन्यावारे वैशाखपीर्श्वमास्त्रां महादेवीविज्ञापनया कन्याधर्मार्थे
- 26 काध्यपसगीचस्य(वाभ्यां) दुमा(मी) शर्मारविश्रमीभ्यां राजमानेन तोरविश्रामे पञ्चाश-
- 27 निवर्त्तनपरिमाणं पश्चिमदिग्भागे सर्व्वभीगा(ग)परिहारी दत्त[:*]

Third Plate.

- 28 तदागामिभिरसाइंग्येरन्येश्व राजभिरायुरैश्वर्यादीनां विलसित-
- 29 मचिरांग्राचं]चलमवगच्छद्भिराचन्द्रार्वधरार्धवस्थितिसमकालं
- 30 यशिवचीषुभि[:] खदित्तिनिर्व्विशेषं परिपालनीयमुक्तं च भगवता वे-
- 31 द्व्यासेन व्यासेन [।*] बहुभिर्व्यस्था भुक्ता राजभिस्मगरादिभिर्ध्यस्थ य-
- 32 स्य यदा भूमिस्तस्य तस्य तदा फलं(नम्) [॥*] खन्दातुं समहच्छकां दु:-
- 33 खमन्यस्य पालनं(नम्) [।*] दानं वा पालनं वेति दानाच्छेयीनुपालनं(नम्) [॥*] स्वदत्तां प-
- 34 रदत्तां वा यो हरेत वसुन्धरां(राम्) [1*] षष्टिं वर्षसङ्खाणि विष्ठायां जायते क्रिमि: [11*]
- 35 महासान्धिविग्रहिकश्रीरामपुख्यवन्नभेन लिखितिमदं शासनं [1]

¹[I read Mañchul-grāmam=,—Ed.] ²Read =Sagar-ādibhih/yasya.

No. 31.—ANJANERI PLATES OF GURJARA JAYABHATA III; K. 461.

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This grant consists of two plates which are held together by two copper-rings, one of which has an oval seal containing the letters \$rī-Jayabhata embossed below a peculiar symbol resembling a flying Garuda. They were found with a Maratha family surnamed Shid of Anjaneri village in the Nāsik District along with two copper-plate grants of Prithivīchandra Bhōgaśakti, dealt with above1, and measure 127" × 93". The first plate contains 18 lines of writing and the second 21.

The characters belong to the southern variety and closely resemble those of the Nausārī 2 and Kavi 3 plates of Jayabhata III and IV issued in the years 456 and 486 respectively. With the exception of the attestation in the last line, its palæography is similar to that of the Chalukya and Rāshtrakūta grants of the seventh century A.D. found in Gujarāt. The characters in the attestation are cursive and differ from the rest of the inscription. Often a dot has been used in the record to denote a mark of punctuation.

The record is dated the 11th day of the dark half of Aśvina, Tulā-sankrānti, (Kaļachūri) Samvat 461 corresponding to A.D. 709-10 4 and was issued from Bharukachchha (Broach). The introductory portion, containing the description of the family of Jayabhata, agrees with that given in the two grants mentioned above. The genealogy starts with Dadda (II) who was born in the lineage of Mahārāja Karna and who protected the lord of Valabhī who was defeated by Harshadeva (identified with Dharasena IV who suffered defeat at the hands of Harshavardhana of Kanauj). His son was Jayabhata (II) and his son Dadda (III)-Bāhusahāya. The latter's son was Jayabhata (III), the donor, who was a great devotee of Mahēśvara and had obtained the five great sounds (samadhigata-pañcha-mahāśabda).

The beneficiary in the present grant was a Brāhmaṇa named Nārāyaṇa son of Vasusvāmin of Dābhilya gotra and Chhandoga-Kauthuma śākhā and a resident of Brahmapuri.

The property granted consisted of three pieces of land totalling 60 nivartanas in and around the village Tauranakas situated in the Nandipura Vishaya: the first measuring 52 nivartanas, the second 5 nivartanas and the third 3 nivartanas.

The importance of this grant lies in the fact that it extends the date of Jayabhata III from the year 456 of the Nausārī plates to the year 461.

The grant mentions certain places situated in the Nandipura vishaya which has already been identified with Nandod situated on the Karjan river in the Rajapipla State. The places mentioned are the villages of Tauranaka, Jayapura, Vidvēraka and Bhūtishōhī® and the river Karillinī. Tauranaka,5 in and around which were situated the three plots of land granted, seems to be the modern Toran (also called Toranmal) on the Karjan river which seems to be the river Karillini of our grant situated about 2½ miles north of Nandod. It is possible that Jayapura is the same as modern Jitpur, 6 miles east of Nandod and about 8 miles south-east of Toran or Tauranaka of the grant. Bhūtishohīs and Vidvēraka, however, cannot be identified but should not be far away

¹ See above, pp. 225 ff.

² Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 70 ff.

^{*} Ibid., Vol. V, pp. 113 ff. Professor Mirashi has since proved that this grant is referable to Jayabhata IV, cf. above, Vol. XXIV, pp. 176 ff.

⁴ [The date would correspond to Tuesday, 23rd September A.D. 710, when the sun seems to have entered the Tula-rasi.-Ed.]

⁵ [See below p. 294, n. 2.—Ed.]

^{6 [}This is apparently identical with the modern village of Bhuchhad, about 11 miles south-west of Toran the western bank of the Karjan .- Ed.]

from the neighbourhood of Nandod.¹ It is interesting to note that the present topography of the place agrees fairly closely with the description given in the grant.

TEXT.

First Plate.

- 1 ॐ स्वस्ति [॥*] श्रीभक्तच्छात् सततलक्त्रीनिवासभूते तृष्णासन्तापहारिणि दिननाथ-विस्तारितानुभावे दिजकुलीपजीव्यमानविभवणा-
 - 2 लिनि महित महाराजनस्थित्वये कमलाकर इव राजहङ्गः(हंसः) प्रवलनिकाल-विलिसताकुलितविमलस्बभावी गन्धीरी-
 - 3 दारचिरतविस्तापितसकललोकपालमानसः परमिश्वरश्रीहर्षदेवाभिभूतवलभीपितपरित्राणीपजा-तस्त्रमद-
 - 4 दस्त्रश्राभाभविभागशीवितानः श्रीदहस्तस्य स्नुरशङ्कितागतप्रणयिजनीपभुक्तविभवसंच्यीप-चीयमानम-
 - 5 नीनिर्द्यतिरनेककण्टकवङ्ग (वंश)संदीहदाहदुर्ज्ञ वितप्रतापानको निश्तितिनिस्त्रङ्ग (स्त्रिंश)धारादा-रितारातिकरिक्त समुक्ताफलच्छ-
- 6 लोज्ञसितसितयशोङ्गु (शौध)कावगुण्डितदिग्वधूवदनसरसिजः श्रोजयभद्दस्यामजी महामुनिमनुप्रणीतप्रवचनाधिग-
 - 7 मविवेकस्वधर्माानुष्ठानप्रवणि(णी) वर्षात्र्यमञ्चवस्थीसू लितसक्वलक्विकालावलेपः प्रणयिजनम-नोरण्यविषयन्यतीतविभव-
 - 8 संपादनापनीताभ्रेषभ्रेष'पार्श्विवदानाभिमानी मदविवशांकुशातिवर्तिकुपितकरिनिवारणप्रथित-गुरुगजाधिरी-
 - 9 हणप्रभावी विषयपातपतितनस्पतिशताभ्युद्धरणनिखिललोकविश्वतपरोपकारकरणव्यसनः प्राच-प्रतीचाधि-
- 10 राजविजृश्वितमहासंग्रामनरपितसहस्रपिरवारितानेकगजघटाविघटनप्रकटितसुजवीर्व्यविख्यातबा-ह्रसहाया-

¹ [There is a Virampura about a mile to the west of Jetpur or Jitpur which may be the Brahmapuri, the place of residence of the donee.—Ed.]

² Expressed by a symbol.

³ Should be -vilasit-ānākulita -.

⁴ Śēsha has been repeated.

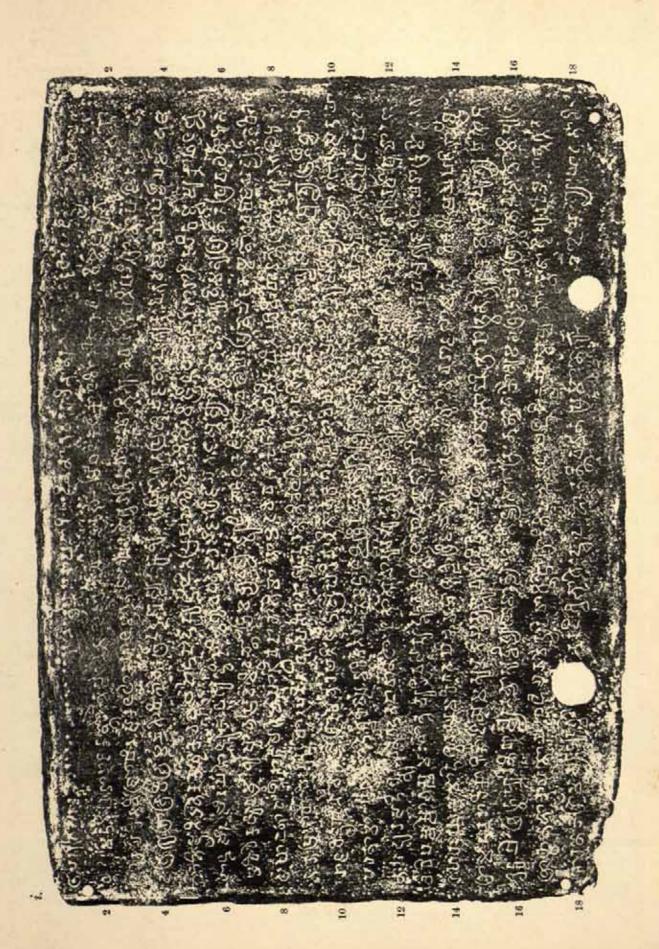
- 11 परनामा । परममान्नेष्वरस्ममधिगतपञ्चमन्नाशब्दश्रीदद्स्तस्य सूनुरनेकसमरसंघद्दघनघटित-गजघटापाट-
 - 12 नपट्रसिह्णुवनगहनदावानली दीनानाथात्रसृहृत्वजनबन्धुनुसृदाकरकीसृदीनिशाकरी भागी-रथीप्रवाह इ-
- 13 व विपन्नचोभन्तमः ग्रान्तनुरिव समुद्गृतकलकलारावमन्ना[वा]न्त्रिनीपतिरादिवराच्च दव स्वभुजवलपराक्रमीइतध-
- 14 राधर: परममाहेखरसामधिगतपञ्चमहामञ्द्रश्रीजयभट अक्रमली । सर्वानेव राजसा-मन्तभीगिकविषयपतिराष्ट्र-
- 15 ग्राम[म*]इत्तराधिकारिकादीनामनुदर्शयत्यस्तु वस्तंविदितं यथा मया मातापित्रीरात्मन-यैहिकाम् पिकपु खयशीभ-
- 16 वृद्धये । त्रह्मपुरीनिवास्थेतचातुर्व्विद्यसामान्यडामिल्यसगीचक्र(च्छ)न्दीगकीय्समब्रह्मचारित्रा-ह्मणवसुखामिप्रच-
- ब्राह्मण[ना]रायणाय । विलचक्वैश्वदेवाग्निहीचातिथिपञ्चमहायज्ञादिक(क्रि)योत्मर्पणार्खं । व नान्दीपुरविषयान्तर्गत-
- 18 तौरणक्रयामस्य भूर्व्वोत्तरदिग्विभागे । द्वापञ्चामन्त्रिक्तंनप्रमाणं भूखग्डं घाटनानि ।

- Hard Second Plate.

- 19 पूर्वतः जयपुरयामयायी पन्या इस्तिनिकागर्त्तासंलग्नः(ग्नं) सरी(रः) [।*] दिचणतः [क्वे(क्वे)]दमोद्यचोपलचितमेरान्तरि-
- 20 तं कुटुम्बिदीपसत्ककौटुम्बचेचं मैरान्तस्म(स)मुखिती दिचणाभिमुखी वहस्य । अपरतः तीरणकया-²
- 21 मात् विदेशकायायायी पत्या तथा चेत्रमदिशार्थिनी तथा ाकारका धुमाणगर्तागामी वस्य । उत्तरतः धमाणखडा ।
- 22 एवमे[त*]चतुराघाटनीपलचितं भूखण्डं [।*] तथास्यैव ग्रामस्य दचिणदिग्विभागे कच्छे पंचित्र(नि)वर्त्तनप्रमाणं भूखण्डं । यस्याघाटनानि । पू-

¹ Mark of punctuation unnecessary.

¹[The plate reads Tōraṇaka-.—Ed.]





- 23 व्यंतः वरदक्तमर्थादान्तरितकुटुम्बिरवज्ञमत्ककौटुम्बचेत्रं । दक्षिणतः करिक्षिनी नदी । अपरतः लग्गुम्तूपलितवरदक्षमर्याः विकास विकास विकास विकास
- 24 दान्तरितकुट्रस्विवीवधमीमत्वकौट्रस्वचेत्रं । उत्तरतः ब्राह्मणदामीदरमत्वब्रह्मदेयचेत्रं । राजकीयचरिका च । यदेवं चतराघाट-
- 25 नीपलचितं भूखगडं । तथास्यैव भूखगडस्य दचिगादिग्विभागे कच्छे । कच्छिका-प्रतिवद्दनिवर्त्तनचयप्रसाणं भूखण्डं यस्थाधाटनानि
- 26 पूर्व्यत: करिक्किनी नदी । दिचणतीसै(तस्सै)व करिक्किनी नदी चपरत: भृतिषी ही ग्रास-गामीसीमासिसः [1*] उत्तरती(तः) कीश्रवचीपनचित-
- 27 करिक्रिनीनदीवितटी । एवमेतचतुयत्'राघाटनीपलचितभूखण्डच्यावस्थितं पष्टिनिवर्त्तनप्रमाणं चेषं । सीपरिकरं । सभूत-
- 28 पा(वा)तप्रत्यायं । सधान्यज्ञिरखादेयं । सद्यापराधं सीत्यदामानविष्टिकं । सर्व्वराज-कीयानामहस्तप्रचेपणीयं । पूर्वप्रत-
- 29 देवब्रह्मदायरहितं । भूमिच्छिद्रन्यायेनाचन्द्रार्क्षार्थवस्त्रि(चि)तिसरित्पर्व्यतसमकालीनं । प्रच-पीचान्वयक्तसीपभीग्वं । ग्रहस्थाव-
- 30 रतटाकसहितमदााखयुजबहुले(से)काद्यां तुलासंकान्ते रवादुदकातिसर्गेष प्रतिपा-दितं । यतीस्वीचितया ब्रह्मदायस्थित्या भं-
- 31 जतः क्रषतः कर्षयतः प्रतिदिशतो वा न कैचिद्ध्यासिधे वर्त्तितव्यसागासिभद्रवृपति-भिरसाइं ग्रीरनी बायमसाहायी नुमन्तव्य:
- 32 पालयितव्यव । यवाज्ञानितिमस्पटलाहतमितराच्छिन्छादाच्छिद्यमानकं वानुमीदेत स पञ्चभिमां हापातके स्मीप-
- 33 पातकैसंयुक्त[:*] स्वादित्युक्तं च भगवा(वता) वेदव्यासेन व्यासेन । पष्टिं वर्षसङ्साणि स्तर्भे तिष्ठति भूमिदः [।*] याच्छेता चानुमन्ता च ता-
- 34 न्येव नरके वसेत् ॥ विन्धाटवीष्वतीयासु शुष्ककीटरवासिनः [1*] क्रप्णाइयी हि जायन्ते भूमिदायं हरन्ति ये ॥ बहुभिर्वसुधा भुका
- 35 राजभिन्मगरादिभि: [1*] यस्य यस्य यदा भूमि:त(मिस्त)स्य तस्य तदा फलं-(लम्) ॥ अम्मेरपत्यं प्रथमं सुवसं भूवेंचावी सूर्धसुताव गाव: [1*]

- 36 लीक(क) वयं तेन भवेनु दत्तं । यः काच(श्व) नं गां च महीं च दद्यात् ॥ यानीह दत्तानि पुरा नरेन्द्रैः दा(न्द्रैर्दा) नानि धर्मार्ख्यशस्त्रराणि । नि-
- 37 र्भुक्तमाल्यप्रतिमानि तानि । की नाम साधुः पुनराददीत [॥*] खदत्तां परदत्तां वा यहादच युधिष्ठिर । महीं महिमतां श्रेष्ठ दाना-
- 38 च्छेयोनुपालनमिति² ॥ लिखितमिति बलाधिकतदुर्गभटस्नुना बलाधिकतसहभटेनेति ॥ बलाधिकतवानुम-
- 39 दूतकां ॥ सं ४०० ६० १ त्राम्बयुज व १० १ निवडम् ॥ खहस्ती मम त्रीजयभटस्य ॥

TRANSLATION.

(L. 1.) Om. Hail! From the illustrious Bharukachchha:-

(Ll. 1-15) [Common to Gurjara grants. See Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 79-80.]

(Ll. 15-30) Today on the 11th day of the dark fortnight of the month of Aśvayuja while the sun was in the Tula Sankranti, I have given with libation of water to the Brahmana Nārāyaṇa, son of the Brāhamaṇa Vasusvāmin, resident of Brahmapurī, of the Chāturvidya community and Dabhilya gotra, a student of Chhandoga-Kauthuma (śākhā) for the performance of the five mahāyajñas, viz., bali, charu, vaiśvadēva, agnihōtra and atithi, a piece of land measuring 52 nivartanas in the north-east of the village Tauranaka3 included in the Nandipura vishaya, bounded on the east by the path leading to Jayapura village and the pond adjoining the Hastinikā streamlet, on the south by the proprietary field belonging to the householder Dipa, which is comprised in the marsh indicated by the Chhēdamī tree, and also by the streamlet rising from the fringe of the marsh and flowing southwards; in the west by the path leading from the village Tauranaka to the village Vidvēraka, and the Amiāra (?) tree as well as the streamlet flowing into the Dhammana stream; and in the north by the Dhammana stream—this piece of land thus bounded on all the four sides; and a plot of land measuring five nivartanas in the marshy tract to the south of the same village (Tauranaka) bounded on the east by the proprietary field of the householder Revalla included within the limits of Baradaka; on the south by the Karillini river; on the west by the proprietary field belonging to the householder Vijadharma comprised within the limits of Baradaka marked by Laggustu (?), and on the north by the donated land belonging to the Brahmana Damodara and by the royal pasture land—the land thus bounded on all four sides; and (lastly) another plot of land measuring 3 nivartanas in the marshy area alongside the embankment and situated to the south of this plot of land, bounded on the east and south by the Karillini river; on the west by the boundary line leading to the village Bhūtishōhī; and on the north by the vitați (?) of the Karillini river marked by the Kaulla tree-these plots of land with the boundaries detailed above and measuring in all sixty nivartanas together with the uparikara, bhūta, rāta, pratyāya, etc.

(Ll. 27-38) [Are common with the published Gurjara grants, especially the Nausārī plates. See Ind. Ant., Vol. XIII, pp. 80-81.]

(Ll. 38-39) Written by the army chief Sahabhata son of the army chief Durgabhata. The army chief Bāvulla (acted as) the Dūtaka. Recorded in the year 461, 11th day of the dark fortnight of Aśvayuja. This is the sign manual of myself—the illustrious Jayabhata.

¹ Danda unnecessary.

² Read och-chhrēyō-nupālanam || iti.

^{*[} See above, p. 294, n. 2.—Ed.]

From a photograph.





No. 32-THE PUNJAI INSCRIPTION OF KRISHNADEVARAYA.

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This epigraph (No. 184 of 1925 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection) is a copy of an order issued by king Krishnadëvarāya of Vijayanagara while he was camping on the banks of the river Krishnavēnī some time after his conquest of the Kalinga country. So far copies of this order have been found engraved in twenty different places in the Chōlamanḍalam which formed part of the Vijayanagara empire and to which the order relates. These places are: Śēndamaṅgalam,¹ Tīrthanagari,² Elavānāśūr,² Neyvaṇai⁴ (S. Arcot District), Tīruviśalūr,² Tīrukkaṇdiśvaram,⁴ Perumuļai,² Korukkai,⁵ Tīrunagiri,⁵ Paraśalūr,¹ Puṇjai,¹¹ Ākkūr,¹² Tīllaiyāḍi,¹ Tīrukkaḍaiyūr,¹⁴ Sendalai,¹ Iluppappaṭṭu,¹ Talaināyar,¹ Tīrumaṅgalakkuḍi (Tanjore District), Tīruppalātturai,¹ and Kaṇṇanūr² (Trichinopoly District). Though they are all copies of the same royal order, certain variations are found in them not only in the details of the order but also in their record of the achievements of the king.

The inscription is edited with the aid of the impressions and transcripts of all its copies kindly placed at my disposal by Mr. C. R. Krishnamacharlu, Superintendent for Epigraphy, Madras. Mr. T. V. Mahalingam, M.A., rendered much invaluable assistance in collating the numerous copies and preparing the text and translation of the record, in the verification of the geographical data, and in many other ways.

The script of all the copies is in mixed Grantha and Tamil, and Sanskrit words are often transliterated into Tamil. The language is Tamil; there are however two Sanskrit verses, one at the beginning and the other at the end. The engraving of the inscription appears to have been the work of persons of mediocre ability, and hence many mistakes are found in each copy. The defective nature of these inscriptions is, for instance, in striking contrast with the excellence of workmanship found in the Chöla inscriptions from the same area. Of the twenty copies of the epigraph only four are complete, those found at Parasalūr, Punjai, Ākkūr and Tillaiyādi; and the chief variations among these have been noticed in the footnotes to the text.

The inscription opens with an invocation to Ganapati and Siva, and records the date and the purpose of the royal order together with the titles of the king; it then gives an account of the conquests of Krishnadëvarāya in the eastern country till the date of the record, and states that the king while he was halting on the banks of the Krishnavēnī in Saka 1439 (A D. 1517), remitted 10,000 varāhan (gold pieces) in favour of the Šiva and Vishnu temples in the Ghōṭamanḍalam. The remission comprised the dues called jōḍi and arašupēru; other copies mention in addition, one or more of the following: śūlavari, nīlavaļi and margum pala piravarīgaļum.

There is a like difference among the copies in the number and names of the temples enumerated as the beneficiaries of the remission, only a few (like the one that is being edited) mentioning almost all the places. Generally each of the copies mentions the place where it is found and a few

1 No. 74 of 1903 of the Madras Epigraphical Collection.	14 No. 226 of 1925.
² No. 125 of 1904.	13 No. 235 of 1925,
¹ No. 142 of 1906.	11 No. 251 of 1925.
4 No. 381 of 1908	15 No. 214 of 1926. 15 No. 127 of 1927
+ No. 355 of 1907.	ATOL AGE OF ABEL
* No. 80 of 1911.	17 No. 157 of 1927,
* No. 210 of 1917.	10 No. 223 of 1927.
⁶ No. 235 of 1917.	18 No. 288 of 1903.
* No. 406 of 1918.	20 No. 511 of 1905.
10 No. 167 of 1925.	*1 See n. 4, p. 305 below.
11 No. 184 of 1925.	

others. Hence to draw a list of all the places in favour of which the remission was made, a comparative study of all the copies is essential. Here the four complete copies have been closely compared for being edited while the others have been referred to wherever necessary. The full list obtained is given further down.

The inscription is of more than ordinary interest to the student of Vijavanagara history. Firstly, it gives a detailed list of the conquests of Krishnadëvaraya in the Telugu country up to the date of the record though it does not state the dates of the different campaigns and conquests. Secondly, on account of the use made of this record by H. Krishna Sastri, it has a bearing on the identification of "Catuir" of Nuniz, a difficult problem for which no satisfactory solution has been offered so far. Lastly it gives us some idea of a few of the taxes and the revenue administration in the empire.

The campaigns of Krishnadevaraya against the Gajapati ruler of Orissa and his confederates which are briefly mentioned in this record have been dealt with in detail by H. Krishna Sastri's in the light of other inscriptions of the reign and the evidence drawn from contemporary literature, and there is no need, therefore, to consider them at any length here. There is, however, one point on which the opinion tentatively expressed by Krishna Sastri seems to be open to further consideration. This relates to the expedition against Catuir mentioned by Nuniz and the location of that place. Some inscriptions of Krishnadevaraya's reign, like the one now edited, trace the course of the king's northern compaign up to Simhächalam and Pottunüru, where he planted a pillar of victory. Telugu works of the reign seem to extend the range of the campaign. "From the Pārijātāpaharaņamu and other Telugu works, however," says Krishna Sastri, "we learn that Krishnaraya did not stop with the setting up of the pillar of victory at Pottunuru, but went further north, even into the interior of the Gajapati's dominions, devastated the country of Oddadi and burnt his capital town of Kataka (i.e., Cuttack) thus forcing the Gajapati to make peace by offering the hand of one of his daughters ". He then points out that we have no epigraphical evidence enabling us to decide if this raid into Oddadi took place in continuation of the campaign commemorated by the pillar of victory at Pottunuru or occurred later as part of another campaign, and proceeds: "This much, at any rate, becomes certain from the Shinhachalam records, vic., that Krishnarilya was at Simhādri at the beginning of Saka 1438, and that in Saka 1441 he made over to the temple at Simhachalam certain villages which were granted to him by the Gajapati king. Whether these latter were the voluntary gifts of the Gajapati ruler on behalf of his ally Krishnaraya or were wrung from him by a regular raid on his capital; are points which cannot be decided at present. Nevertheless there appears to be a clue to some historical event-not yet discovered-in the conquest of Catuir which is mentioned by Nuniz next, perhaps, in chronological order, after making peace with the king of Orya. The name Catuir cannot be traced either in epigraphical records or in Telugu literature. Nor is Nuniz himself very clear in his statements about this place and the expedition against it. He says that Catuir is situated on the Charmaodel side and that it is surrounded by a river which at the time of Krishnaraya's capture was in flood. Besides, the account does not state against whom the attack was directed; nor does it disclose any proper names that could lead to the identification of Catuir. Sewell thinks that there is in this a possible reference to Vellore. But as Telugu literature has so far been found to confirm the facts related in lithic records or registered by Nuniz, it may not be altogether improbable to suppose that the 'Catuir' of Nuniz is identical with Kataka (Cuttack) mentioned in Telugn literature, and that Krishnaraya, according to the latter authority, must have finally compelled

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the Gajapati king to flee and burnt his capital before accepting from him the terms of peace and the hand of his daughter in marriage....... Very likely Nuniz took 'Catuir' to be situated in a country different from that of the Gajapati's and thought that the peace with Gajapati was concluded before Krishnaraya started against Catuir".

It is true Nuniz's account of Krishnarāya's expedition against Catuir is vague and leaves many things doubtful; but if any one fact emerges clearly from his account, it is that Catuir was not in Orissa. For he begins his account of this expedition with the categorical statement: 'After Crisnarao had made peace, and had married the daughter of the king of Orya, and had restored to him his wife and land beyond the river, as has been mentioned above, he made ready a large army and prepared to attack Catuir', and he also says: 'after the king returned from Orya he never went again thither'.' These statements show clearly that Nuniz was clear that the expedition against Catuir had nothing whatever to do with the Orissa campaign. And it is not easy to accept the identity of Catuir with Kataka.

Phonetically more plausible is the suggestion of Dr. N. Venkataramanayya that Catuir should be sought in Kayattar in the Tinnevelly District. The Pandyan ruler of Kayattar was, he thinks, besieged at Kāyal by Krishņadēvarāya, and Nuniz's account of the siege of one of the principal cities where the lord of Catuir was has reference to this. He points out that Krishnaraya is said to have conquered Ceylon in an inscription at Piranmalai, and that some time between A.D. 1514 and A.D. 1522 the ruler of Quilon must have lost control of the eastern part of the Tinnevelly District including the sea-coast, and Krishnaraya's expedition must have brought this about. But apart from the inconclusive character of the evidence cited which does not seem quite to sustain the conclusion reached, one serious objection to this reconstruction lies in Nuniz's statement that the land of Catuir ' is on the Charmaodel side'. The term Coromandel coast is generally applied to the coast between say Point Calimere and the Krishnä river, and even if it be loosely extended a little more to the south, it is extremely doubtful if it could be made to cover the whole of the Eastern coast down to Cape Comorin, and if, further, a town so far inland as Kayattär which is at least 25 miles from the sea as the crow flies and much more by the road from Kayal, can be said to be on the Coromandel side by an author who is using the expression from the standpoint of Vijayanagar.

The suggestion made by Dr. S. K. Aiyangar that Catuir must be taken to be a variant of Kādavar ignores the direct statement of Nuniz that Catuir is a geographical name.—Catuir, which is the land of a lord who had been in revolt for fifty years. It is perhaps unnecessary to follow the further stages of the argument built upon such a slender hypothesis.

Now in the contemporary Dutch records of the beginning of the seventeenth century, there is frequent mention of a place called Katoer. This is described as a fortress within a mile of Pulicat. I draw my information not directly from the Dutch records to which I have no access, but from the excellent summaries of them provided by N. McLeod in his De Oost-Indische Compagnie als Zeemogendheid in Azie (2 vols., 1927). We first hear of the place in 1610 under the

⁴ Sewell, A Forgotten Empire, pp. 320, 322.

² Studies in the History of the Third Dynasty of Vijayanagara, pp. 447-52.

^{*}A yet remembered ruler of a long forgotten empire, pp. 8-11. Dr. Aiyangar's statement that Niniz's description of the capture of Catuir' is exactly the description that is given of the siege and capture of Sivanasamudram in the Krishsurdjavijayams' (p. 9) is not supported either by the text or by the summary of it in Sources, pp. 130-31. His other citations from literature, e.g., Pārijātāpaharasams are not more helpful. The Kongudžāgarājākkai contains a good account of the Ummattūr campaign, but it has no resemblance to Nuniz's account under reference.

name Anai-Kāṭṭūr on the river of Pulicat granted to the Dutch for purposes of trade by Obberāja, a captain of the Vellore army, i.e., of the kingdom of Vijayanagar. Again we find Singama-Naik entrenched in the same place at a distance of 3 mile from Geldria (the Dutch fort at Pulicat) on the 11th August 1625. Passing over unimportant references to the place? we may note that in the civil war that was raging in 1632, Sriranga, a nephew of the ruling king Venkaṭa II, sent an army of 3,000 men against the fort of Kāṭṭūr (within sight of Geldria) which was then in the hands of Timarāja, the chief of the rebellion. We seem to have then in Kāṭṭūr ('Katoer' of the Dutch records) a fortified place located on a river and ' on the Coromandel side ' which by its name, situation and historical associations seems to answer very well to Nuniz's Catuir. A reference to the survey map sheet No. 66 C/SW (D-2) (scale 1 inch=2 miles) will show that Kāṭṭūr is situated in the midst of swampy and difficult country and besides the river already mentioned, there is also a tank and other waterways, all likely to be flooded easily in the rainy season.

It may be noted that Nunix counts Paleacate among the countries paying tribute to Vijayanagara under Dēvarāya II, that is, some time about 1440 A.D., and Sewell, after rightly identifying this place as Pulicat, near Madras, adds a note saying: 'This was an important province
of Vijayanagar in later years'.' It seems probable that 'the lord who had been in revolt for fifty
years' and in whose land Catuir lay, was the lord of this province. The words of Nunix as
rendered by Sewell are: Crisnarao "prepared to attack Catuir, which is the land of a lord who
had been in revolt for fifty years; this land is on the Charmãodel side. And he went against it,
and laid siege to one of the principal cities where the lord of the land was; and it is called...
and is surrounded with water "." The last sentence and the blank in it do seem to create a difficulty; but the categorical statement at the beginning that the king prepared to attack Catuir
may well be taken to mean that this was the 'principal city' in bis land where the rebel lord
was at the time of Krishnarāya's war.

Referring to the grant now being edited, Krishna Sastri has observed: 'The choice of the bank of the river Krishnä for making a grant in favour of the temples of Chöla-mandala in the south, cannot be reasonably explained except by supposing that Krishnarāya was about this time, viz., the end of Saka 1439, again on his march for a second time to the Kalinga country against 'Catuir', which, as noted above, is very probably Cuttack'.' Two considerations may be urged against this view. First, there is the categorical statement of Nuniz cited already, that after Krishnarāya returned from the expedition to Orissa which resulted in his marriage with the Gajapati's daughter, he did not go back to Orissa. Secondly, there is a definite statement in an inscription' dated Saka 1438 that Krishnarāya had already accomplished the conquest of the Kalinga country as far north as Kataka, which sufficiently accounts for the literary evidence cited by Krishna Sastri without the necessity for postulating another Orissa campaign in Saka 1439.

We do not know the particular reason for which Bezwada was chosen as the scene of this comprehensive grant to the numerous temples of the Tamil country. But we know that in the preceding year (Dhātri),? the monarch had attended the mahāmakham festival in Kumbhakōnam

[!] McLeod, i, p. 96.

^{*} Ibid., i, p. 473.

^{*} Ibid., i, pp. 487 and 492; ii, pp. 171, 179.

⁴ Ibid., ii, p. 13.

^{*} A Forgotten Empire, p. 302.

^{*} Ibid., p. 321.

I Annual Report, A. S. I., 1908.9, p. 182.

^{*}No. 894 o 1922. See also pp. 177-81 of Tirapat: Devasthanam Epigraphical Report, by Sadhu Subrah; manya Sastri, who accepts the identity of Catuir with Cuttack.

No. 493 of 1907, the Saka date 1440 must be wrong.

and utilised the occasion for making an extensive tour to the various shrines in the south. The most detailed account of this tour is furnished by the Rāyavāchakamu. Evidently, after his return to home country, he wanted to commemorate in some striking manner the pilgrimage he had just concluded. The administrative consultations necessary before the monarch's idea could be implemented must have taken some months as in all probability the local officers in charge of the different parts of the Tamil land had to be consulted. When the final decision had been taken, the monarch must have chosen a suitable place and occasion for making the actual proclamation of his decision. The time chosen was Makara-sańkrānti of the Isvara year, and the visit to the Krishnā river and the shrines of Anantasāyin of Undavilli and Mallikārjuna of Bezwada on such an occasion is easily understood. The date of the record corresponds to 28th December, A.D. 1517.

It is possible that Krishnarāya's presence at Bezwada was connected with one of the numerous campaigns of the reign fought against the Sultān of Golconda, Kuli Kuth Shāh. Late in his life the Sultān boasted of having reduced the infidels of Telingana from the borders of Warangal to Masulipatam and Rājahmundry, having taken between sixty and seventy forts by force of arms. The anonymous historian who has recorded this fact also mentions a war directed by Krishnadēvarāya himself after the capture of Dēvarakonda by Kuli Kuth Shāh. The date of the particular campaign cannot be determined with precision, and the anonymous historian does not give any date. But once more, it is possible that this campaign is identical with that mentioned by Nuniz as having occurred after Krishnarāya's capture of Catuir, and having been directed against a Muslim captain most probably of the army of Kuli Kuth Shāh of Golconda. If these suggestions are accepted, the presence of Krishnarāya at Bezwada receives a simple and natural explanation as being connected with the regular course of the military campaigns of the reign.

The taxes that were remitted in favour of the Siva and Vishņu temples of the Chōlamaṇdalam were Jūdi, Sūlavari, Nilavali (Nilavari), Araśupēru, and other taxes (piravari). These taxes were due to the king (palace) from the temples themselves (l. 30). All these taxes are not mentioned in all the copies of the inscription. It is difficult to specify the exact nature of all of them, but the following suggestions may be made: Jōdi is explained by Wilson as a favourable quit rent on inām lands. It is also the name of a tenure under which a person reclaims a certain portion of waste land, settles on it, and pays half or quarter of the gross value of the produce to the Government. In the Vijayanagar epigraphs it is found used generally in the former sense, and was in many respects similar to the mānyakāṇike which the holders of inām lands like Brāhmans and Fakirs paid to the State. Thus Jōdi was a small quit rent, paid by the temples, on their inām lands. The rate is unknown.

Sularari is more difficult to explain. One of the meanings given under the word Sulam in the Tamil Lexicon is: 'Brand-mark on cattle, usually trident-shaped'. No authority is cited in the Lexicon, but the meaning suits the context of our inscription very well and seems to show that

¹ Sources of Vijayanagar History. (Madras University Historical Series, I), pp. 125-9.

Briggs : Firishte (Cambray & Co., 1910), iii, pp. 352-3.

³ Ibid., pp. 355-6. I owe this reference to Dr. N. Venkataramanayya,

^{*} A Forgotten Empire, p. 322.

⁴ No. 288 of 1903.

³ H. H. Wilson: Glassary of Judicial and Revenue terms, p. 214, col. 1.

⁷ Nassasinga Rao: A Kisamson Glossary of Kanarsse Words, p. 91, cited by Saletore, Social and Political Life in the Vijayanagar Empire, ii, p. 440.

^{*} Cf. Dr. N. Venkataramanayya: Studies in the History of the Third Dynasty of Vijayanagara, pp. 229-30,

the Sillavari was perhaps a small tax or fee paid on the cattle belonging to the temples, each head of cattle being branded at the time of registration in the nearest public office.

Nilavali seems to be only a variant of the usual Nilavari land tax, levied on lands which were not indees, but held in ordinary tenure by the temples concerned.

Arasupēru is another difficult term. Wilson' notes that Arasu means 'privileges allowed for watching', and 'Arasukkāran'—' a person holding certain privileges for performing police duty'. 'Pēru' is an abstract noun from Tamil perudal, ' to get', and means ' receipts'. Arasupēru then may be taken to stand for the fee collected by the State for the performance of police duties and the maintenance of security. This was perhaps different from the wages of the village watchmen. It must have been a levy by the central government for our inscription contains the specific statement that all the dues remitted by this grant were due to the palace, i.e. to the king—aras-manaikku syutuvarugira (1.30); or aranganai kanakkil padindu varugira (No. 288 of 1903).

The proclamation was not given effect to even so late as in 1521 which is mentioned in an epigraph dated Saka 1443, Vikrama, Mithina, ba. Tritiya, Friday, Tiruvonam. It states that one Kariya Manikya Bhattar Apatsahayar waited on Krishnadovaraya at Vijayanagara and got ratification of the order of the remission of Jödi and Sülavari on certain villages which had been remitted already in favour of the temple at Tirukkadaiyür, but was not given effect to till then.

The Sendamangalam copy of the epigraph describes the boundaries of the Cholamandalam, the Siva and Vishou temples in which were benefited by the remission. Cholamandalam comprised the region south of the Gadilam, west of the sea, north of the Vellaru (south) and east of the wall at Köttnikkarai. This copy also says that the beneficiaries of the grant were in the heart of the Chola country.

According to the epigraph the region was divided into three districts or simuis. They are the Irandarrupparru Bhuvanakaviran (Bhuvanagiri) pattana-chehirmai, Tanjavürpattana-chehirmai and Tiruchehinappalli-chirmai. In the Vijayanagara days a simui was a smaller division than a rājya, and its exact relation to the more ancient köttam or sādu is difficult to find, though it seems probable that the simui was a larger division than the nādu or köttam. The Bhuvanagiripattana-chehirmai covered the northern part of the Chōlamandalam, with its headquarters at Bhuvanagiri, a big village on the northern bank of the Velläru (north) in the Chidambaram taluk. There is to be found at the place even in the present day a fort in a fairly good condition. It appears to derive its name from Bhuvanajkavira, a title borne by two Pāndyan kings, Māravarman Kulasēkhara I and Māravarman Vikrama Pāndya, who were contemporaries in the latter part of the thirteenth century A.D. The region is called in the epigraph as Irandārrupparru Bhuvanajkavirapaṭṭana, perhaps on account of the fact that it was bounded by two rivers, the Gaḍilam and the Velläru. Tanjāvūrpaṭṭana-chehirmai is probably all the territory covered by the present Tanjore and had its headquarters at Tanjāvūr. To the west of this was the Tiruchehirāpalļi-chīrmai with its headquarters at Trichinopoly.

While almost all the copies mention the above three divisions, a few mention some others. They are Rāšāsura-chchīrmai, mentioned before Tanjāvūr-chīrmai, Viramadakku-chchīrmai

³ Glossary, p. 31, col. 1.

^{*} No. 246 of 1925.

² No. 74 of 1903.

⁴ There is a verse in Tamij which gives practically the same traditional boundaries substituting for Gadilam the Northern Veljär which enters the sea near Porto Novo. See The Colus, i. p. 22.

⁵ The Pandyan Kingdom, pp. 186, 189-90.

^{*} No. 511 of 1965; Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.

and Perambūr-chīrmai and Kulittandanai-chīrmai, mentioned after Tiruchchirāpalli-chīrmai.¹ It is difficult to identify all of them. Perambūr-chīrmai is perhaps the territory covered by parts of the Perambalūr taluk, and the Kulittandanai-chīrmai that covered by the modern Kulittalai taluk both of the Trichinopoly District.

We have a list of a large number of places in favour of which the remission was made; and arranged by taluks they are the following:—

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Kanattampullur , kalatenakhangall	Chidambaram taluk.	S. Arcot District.	
Mannarkovil	Ditto.	- Ditto.	
Nāraiyūr (Tirunāraiyūr)	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Tiruchchonnapuram (now Tiruchchinnapuram)	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Tirumuttam (now Śrimushnam)	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Udaiyārkōyil	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Tirumānikkuli	Cuddalore taluk.	- Ditto.	
Tîruppādirippuliyūr	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Tiruttinainagar	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Tiruvantirapuram	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Tyagavalli .	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Sēndavanmangalam	Tindivanam taluk.	Ditto.	
Iraivānāśūr	Tirukköyilür taluk.	. In min Ditto.	
Tirunāmanallūr (Tirunāvallūr)	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Tirunarunkondai (now Tirunirankongai)	Ditto:	Ditto.	
	Vriddhāchalam taluk.	. Ditto.	
Tittaikudi	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Pennagadam	Kumbakonam taluk.	Tanjore District.	
Kuruchehi .	Ditto:	. legared Ditto	
Pandaṇanallūr ,	Ditto:	Ditto.	
Sirukudi	Ditto.	maladeshoo Ditto.	
Süryadevanāyanārköyil	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Tirukkōdikā (now Tirukkōdikāval)	Ditto:	anality Ditto.	
Tirundutēvaņkudi (Tiruttēvaņkudi)	Ditto.	Ditto.	
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Tiruppanandal	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Tiruvelliyangudi	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Tiruvennagar (now Uppiliyappanköyil)		Ditto. and 8	
Tiruvisalūr	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Vaigal Iododo-fora - 8842 mas	Māyavaram taluk.	Ditto.	
Agalangan Washington Payora Unividual	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Akkūr tiposendijo grainimalini	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Ilangārakkudi	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Iluppappattu	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Irāśurāmapāļayam (now Irājasūryanpēţţai) .	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Korukkai		Ditto. II	
Kurrālam		Ditto.	
Paluvūr	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Pariyalūr (Tiruppariyalūr)	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Perumulai .	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Talaichchangadu	Ditto.	Ditto.	
Talaināyan	Ditto. Titl to c	Ditto.	
Tillaiyādi		t bus that Ditto. of a	
Tirukkadaiyūr	Ditto.	pitto.	
Tirunanipalli		deduc essão Ditto, amadan	
Tiruvalundur .	Ditto.	old of the Ditto.	
Tiruvāļiputtūr (Tiruvānputtūr)		Ditto.	
1 No. 355 of 1907; No. 125 of 1904, September 1 No. 255 of 1907			

Tirukkondiśvaram	. Nannilam taluk.	Tanjore District.
Tirumarugal		Ditto.
Tirumāchehās	Date:	Ditto
Tiruppattur	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppugaļūr	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvānchiyam (now Śrivānchiyam)	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Virkudi	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tēvūr	. Negapatam taluk.	Ditto.
Nallūr	. Pāpanāśam taluk.	Ditto.
Āchchāpuram	. Shiyāli taluk.	Ditto.
Śīrāmavinnagar	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tādanankōyil	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirukkuraiyalür	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirthanagari	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirunagari .	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirunāngūr	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppungūr	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Chandralēkai (Śendalai)	. Tanjore taluk.	Ditto.
Tanchavur	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirumalipādi	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruppunturutti	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruvaiyāru	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tirukkāttupaļļi	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Vallam	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Kannanür	. Musiri taluk.	Trichinopoly District.
Āṇḍārkōyil	. Trichinopoly taluk.	Ditto.
Tiruppalātturai	. Ditto.	Ditto.
Tiruchchirāpalli	Ditto.	Ditto.
Gangaikondachōlapuram (Gangaikondam) .	. Udaiyārpāļayam taluk.	Ditto.
Paluvūr	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tillaiyāļivittam	. (not identifiable.)	William Company
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TEXT.

- 1 Subham=astu¹ śrī-Gaṇāti²patayē namah | Namas=tunga-[śi]-
- 2 raś-chumpi3ta*-chantira5-chāmara-[chāravē*] trailōkya-nakar5-ā[ra*]mpa7-mula-8
- 3 stampāya Sampuvē10[||*] Subham=astu | Svasti Šrī Vijayāt-
- 4 bhuta¹¹.Śāli[vāha*]na-śa [ka*]-varusham 1439¹² mēl-chchel-
- 5 lāni[nra I]śvara samva[tsa*]rattu Pushya¹³ śpaya¹⁴ Paurnamaināl(nāl)¹⁵ śri[ma]-
- 6 n-mahārājādhirāja rājaparamēśvara bariya(ari)rāya-vibhātan16 bhā-
 - 1 Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925 omit this.
 - 2 Read Ganādhio.

- B Read -chumbi.
- 4 Here ta is superfluous; it is, however, found in Nos. 167 and 226 of 1925 also.
- ⁵ Read chandra-. In Nos. 167 and 226 of 1925 it is chantra.
- Read -nagar -.

- 7 Read ombha.
- 8 Read -mūla-.
- Read stambhāya. 10 Read Sambhavē. In No. 226 of 1925 it is °bhuvē.
- 11 The same reading is found in Nos. 167 and 226 of 1925; in No. 235 of 1925 it is obbutaya. The usual form is Vijayābhyudaya.
 - 12 Saka 1409 in No. 235 of 1917, a mistake for Saka 1439.
 - 13 No. 74 of 1903 and No. 80 of 1911 give Magha.
- 14 Probably stands for śuddha; clearly given in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925. In No. 214 of 1926 the reading is Pushyamāsattu pūrvapakshattu.
- as Paurnami nāļ in No. 226 of 1925, and pāļ in No. 235 of 1925. Paurnamiyinmēl in No. 235 of 1917, and vilē
 - 34 In No. 167 of 1925 it is ariyarāya-vibhāţa, while in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925 it is wibhāṭan.

- 7 shaikku-ttappuva-rāyar1-ganda2 Yavanarāśa3-sthāpanāchāriya4 Pratā-
- 8 parudra-Gejaspati-saptāmga-haraņa śri-Vīrapradāpas śri-Vīra-Krishnadēvarāya-ma-
- 9 hārāyar Solamandalattu Vishņusthānam? Sivasthānam mudalāna
- 10 dēvasthānangaļukku śodi araśupērus śaravamojāļnyam-āga vitta tan-
- 11 ma10-sātaņa irāyasam śrī(nā)11mum Vijayannagara12-ppattanattil13 irundu pūruva-14
- 12 dikku viśai[ya*]-yātrai āga purappattu Udaiyagiri-tturkamum śādichchu15 Tirumalai
- 13 Iraguttama16-rayanaiyum pidittu kondu Vinikkondai17 Nagar-
- 14 rchinakondai 18 Vellamukonda 10 Kondavidu Kon[da*]ppalli 20 Irāsa-
- 15 mavēntirapuram²¹ mudalāgiya du[rga]ngaļun=gaṭṭikkoṇḍu ²² Pratāparutti[ra*] Geśapati²³
- 16 kumāran Vīrabhadrasēņaņ 24 Geśapati25 Pratāņapūpati26 Prakalātaņ27 Śirachchantiraņ28 Malluk-Kān 29
 - ¹ Reading is tappurāya in No. 235 of 1925.
 - ² The reading is rayaraganda in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - ³ The reading is rājya in Nos. 74 of 1903, 125 of 1904 and 80 of 1911.
- ⁴ In a few other copies Krishnaraya takes two more titles. In Nos. 235 of 1917 and 214 of 1926 is found the title mūvarayaragandan; in No. 511 of 1905 are found the titles muvvarayaraganda and attadikkurāya-manō-bhayankara, while in Nos. 74 and 288 of 1903, 80 of 1911, 210 of 1917, 167, 226 and 235 of 1925 are found the titles ashtadikkurāya-manō-bhayankara and mūvarāyaraganda.
 - 5 Read Gaja°.
 - Same in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925; read °pratāpa.
 - Vishau temples alone are mentioned in No. 381 of 1908.
- * In No. 288 of 1903 the taxes are said to be jödigaļ śūlavari nilavaļi arašupēru marrum pala pira-varigaļum. No. 511 of 1905 reads: södi śūlavari arašupēru piravari undāna yellām. In No. 355 of 1907 only jödi and śūlavari are legible. No. 235 of 1917 mentions śödiyaļ, nilavaļi and arašupēru while No. 214 of 1926 has śödi, śūlavari and arašupēru.
 - Read sarvao.
- No. 74 of 1903 reads: vittupālittu aruļina dharmma-śāsana rāyasam; 125 of 1904 sarvvamānyam-āga-pvā_litta dharma, 511 of 1905 as āga tiru uļamparrina tanma, 80 of 1911 vidachchittēśi pālitta dharmma. In Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925 we have the word dharmma-sādhana-rāyasam in Grantha.
 - 11 No. 226 of 1925 reads namum.
 - 12 The letter n is superfluous.
 - 13 Pattanatti[le] in No. 226 of 1925 and pattanatt-irundu in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 14 Read pūrva-.
 - 15 The reading is yātraiyāga šittēši Udayagiri-durggamum sādhittu in No. 74 of 1903.
 - 16 No ma in 167 of 1925.
 - 17 The reading is Vinikonda in Nos. 167 and 235 of 1925.
 - 18 Read Nāgārjunakondai; °konda in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - 19 Vellamkonda in No. 167 of 1925 where Vella is repeated but the subsequent words are missing.
 - 20 Tondappalli in No. 235 of 1917.
 - 21 Read : °mahëndrapuram.
- 22 Šādhittu vāngikkondu in No. 74 of 1903; vāngikondu in Nos. 511 of 1905 and 80 of 1911 and [sādhi] ttu=kkatti-kkondu in No. 167 of 1925.
 - 23 Read Gajapati.
- Perhaps stands for śēnanaiyum as in No. 511 of 1905: janan in No. 226 of 1925 and janana in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 25 Read Gajapati.
 - 26 Read pradhānabhūpati.
 - 27 Prahalātan in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - 28 Read Śiraśchandran as in No. 235 of 1925.
- 29 Kānan in Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925, while in No. 235 of 1917 it ends with Karnan, and in No. 511 of 1905 with Khānu.

- 17 Uttandakāṇan¹ mudalāna pāttira²-śāmantargaļaiyum śivikkiramamāga³-ppidittukkoņ-
- 18 du Pratāparuttira Geša(Gaja)patiyaiyum murayakkutti Šingāttirikku eļundaruļi Pottaņūril
- 19 jayastampa(bha)mum niri(ru)tti 6 Sõlamandalam 7 devastanam 8 Tiruchchirapalli 9 Santalagai 10 Tirukkä-
- 20 ttuppalli Tirunagira 11 Tirunangur Ti*]ruvelundur12 Tevur Tiruvennagar 13 Agalangan
- 21 Tiruvantigapuram14 Tirumāņikuli15 Tirupattūr15 Vaiygal Tirumuṭṭam Tiruppādiripuli-
- 22 yūr Tiruttinainagar Iraivānāśūr¹⁷ Sēndavanmangalam Tirunāvallūr Tiṭṭaikuḍi¹⁸ Tirunā-
- 23 raiyūr10 Kāṇātṭampuļļūr20 Tiyāgavalli21 Śīrāmaviṇṇagar Tiruveļļiyangudi Pan-
- 24 dananallūr22 Talaichchangadu23 Kuruchchi24 Tiruppungūr Korukkai21 Talaināya[ka]n25
- 25 Tirumangalakkudi Tiruvisalūr Tirutēvaņkudi26 Sūriyadēvanayaņārkōyil27 Ti-
 - 1 Read Uddanda.°
 - 2 Read patra-.
 - Read jīvagrāhamāga, jīvagrahanamāga in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - 4 In No. 511 of 1905 it is muriyavetti.
 - 5 i. e. Simhādrikku as in No. 226 of 1925.
 - 6 The reading is poduvittu in Nos. 74 of 1903 and 80 of 1911, and sthapittu in No. 125 of 1904.
 - § Šõlamandala-naduvil in No. 74 of 1903.
 - ⁸ In No. 125 of 1904 the word Tiruttinainagar follows the word devasthanam.
- No. 511 of 1905 has the following:—Tiruchchillāp[palli]-chchīmai vadagarai Irājarāja-valanāṭṭu Malanāṭṭu Pāchchilkūṛrattu kīļ Pālāṛţu-kKannanūr nāyaṇār Pōśalīśvaramudaiya-nāyaṇār kōyil śōdi śūlavari piravari araśu-pēru uṭpaḍavum Tirumalapāḍi Vallam Tañjāvūr Tiruppūndurutti Tiruvaiyāru Tiruvalundūr Irāśurāmapāļayam Tiruvāñ jiyam Tiruppugalūr Paluvūr Paṇḍananallūr Tiruppaṇaindāļ Tirunagari Tirunāngūr Tāḍālankōyil Śīgāļi mudalāna Irandārţupaţru-śīrmai, etc. No. 288 of 1903 has Tiruchchirāppalļi uṣāvadi teņkarai Irājagambhīra-vaļa-nāḍu Tirupparātturai mudalāgiya Śōlamaṇḍalattu iraṇḍu...ppaṭţu-śīrmaiy-āna Kirippaṭṭaṇattu śīrmai Radasuvattu śīrmai Tañjāvūr śīrmai pattu mudalāna Vishņusthānam Šivasthānam, etc.
 - 10 Read Chandralēkai.
 - 11 No. 167 of 1925 reads Tirunagari clearly.
 - 12 Followed by Tiruppariyalūr in No. 125 of 1904.
 - 13 No. 355 of 1907 reads Rāšēntiravinnagar.
 - 14 Tiruvayintirapuram in Nos. 125 of 1904 and 226 of 1925.
- 15 Tirumānikudi in Nos. 235 of 1917 and 226 and 235 of 1925. In No. 125 of 1904 this precedes Tiruvan-tirapuram.
 - 16 Tiruppugalūr in Nos. 210 and 235 of 1917, 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - 17 Before this two other places are found in No. 125 of 1904, viz., Korukkai, Tiyagavalli.
- ¹⁸ Before Tittakudi we have: Tiruna[ru]ngondai and Tirukködigā in No. 125 of 1904; in No. 226 of 1925 it is Tittaikudi. After Tittaikudi we have Pennāgadam in No. 125 of 1904.
 - 19 Tirunārayūr in No. 226 of 1925.
- ²⁷ Udaiyārköyil, Mannārköyil and Tiruchonnapuram before Kānāṭṭumulļūr in No. 125 of 1904; Kanāṭṭam-pullūr in Nos. 210 of 1907 and 226 of 1925. Kānāṭṭupullūr in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 21 Mentioned earlier in No. 125 of 1904.
 - 22 Kānāṭṭumuḷḷūr is followed by Pandaṇanallūr, Āchchāpuram and Kuruchchi in No. 125 of 1904.
 - 23 Mentioned after Tiruvelliyangudi in No. 125 of 1904.
 - 24 Kurichchi in Nos. 167 of 1925, 226 and 235 of 1925.
- 25 Tulaināyakam in No. 125 of 1904, Talaināyakan in No. 235 of 1917, Talaināgar in No. 226 of 1925 and Talaināyan in 235 of 1925.
 - 26 Tirundudēvaņkudi in Nos. 355 of 1907, 226 and 235 of 1925.
- 17 Sūriyanāyanār-köyil in No. 355 of 1907; Sūriyadēvanayinār in No. 235 of 1917 and Sūriyanayinār in No. 235 of 1925.

- 26 rakkodikā Kurrālam Širukudi¹ Tirukkuraiyaļūr Virkudi Āchchāpuram³ Tiruvāļiput-
- 27 tür 2 Naltür Andarköyil Gengaikondams Tirumechchür 5 Tirunanipallis
- 28 mudalāgiya Chōlamandalattu yirandārrupparru Buvanēkavīranpattaņa-šīrmai
- 29 Tanjāvūrpattaņa-chchīn(r)mai* Tiruchchirāpaļļi-chīn(r)maiy- ut[pa*]tta* Šivatānam10 Vish-
- 30 ttinatānam¹¹ mudalāgiya dēvattānangaļil¹² pūruva-mudalāgiya¹³ varaimanaikku¹⁴ irut-
- 31 tu-varugira¹² śödi¹⁸ araśupēru¹⁷ patināyira varāgan inda varāgan patināyiramum
- 32 danda devatanamkalukkum18 makara-sankiranti punniya-kalattile Kivittinaveni19
- 33 tīrattilē Undavilli 38 Anantašāyi šannatiyum²¹ Gešavādai²² Mallukāchehinadēvar²³ san-
- 34 nativilumas aga-ttarapūruvamaga-15 chcharuvamaniyammaga vittu tanma-sadana yirayatamumra ...
- 35 pālittom yinda yirāyida** piramāņattilē ellā-ttēvattāņangaļllum**
- 36 silā-sādanamum²⁹ paņņi ellā-ttēvattāņangaļukkum²⁰ pūšajės punarkāram³¹ ranga.m
 - 1 Sarukusi in No. 210 of 1917.
 - ² This is followed by another Vigitudi in Nos. 210 of 1917, 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - * Tienvölputtär in No. 210 of 1917; Tienvöliputtär in No. 226 of 1925.
 - * Gangaikondašojapuram in No. 125 of 1904.
 - * Tirumiyachehur in No. 125 of 1904. The list stops with this in it and No. 355 of 1907.
- "This place is not mentioned in the other copies. But No. 210 of 1917 adds Perusulas 1 No. 187 of 1925 Pariyalar, No. 226 of 1925 Akkar; and 235 of 1925 Tillaiyalivittam and Ilasgarikudi. 74 of 1903 has : iolamandala naduril mandalam Sendaranmangalam udaiyar Avattukkattaruliyanayinar tirunomattukkani Kilaimaganur Melaimaganar Nay[nara]ma-misuragandasallar Kamban marrum ulpatta deyva-sthanangal Iraininaraisar ulpatta Sicasthānam Vishnusthānangajitē pūream mudalāga araimaņaikku iruttuvarugira jūdi pon padināgiramum.
 - Bhonagiputtaeachchirmas in No. 226 of 1925; Pongiripattanachchirmas in No. 235 of 1925.
- * Ralia polica pura-stress mentioned before Tanjavar in No. 228 of 1925; saudalagiya after it in Nos. 22 and 235 of 1925. 10 Read *athanam.
 - "Chirmas utpuda in No. 235 of 1925.
 - tt Read : Vishpusthanam ; Vishfunuttanam in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 11 Read : devasthinangalil.
 - as Read: pursus mudaligiya. Puruva mudaliga in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.
 - n Read : araimanaikku as in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 13 graimanai [kona]kkil padindu sarugiya in No. 288 of 1903.
 - 18 Nos. 167, 226 and 235 of 1925 mention only this tax.
 - 17 Paimperumas is found in No. 355 of 1907.
 - 18 Read : devasthanangajukku; m is superfluous; devasthanasgajil kalittu in No. 80 of 1911.
 - is Read : Krishpavini; Kiruffanavini in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 11 Should be "tiyilum. w Undai in No. 235 of 1925.
 - 22 Gajavādi in No. 226 of 1925; Dešavādai in No. 235 of 1925.
- 13 Read : Mallikarjunadevar : Mallukarjunadevar in No. 226 of 1925, and Mallukachchinamdevar in No. 235 of 1925.
 - as Reading is sannadhiyilum in No. 226 of 1925.
 - * Reading is dhārāpūrvakamāga in No. 228 of 1925.
 - ss Read : dharmasidhana rapasamum as in No. 226 of 1925.
 - at Read : raymen,
- 28 Rond : devasthanangalilum.

 - re Read : addhanamum.
 - 20 Rend : dēvasthānangaļukkum ; dēvastā" in No. 226 of 1925 ; dēvasthānangaļilum in No. 167 of 1925.

 - as Reading is punashirusquiu[sa] in No. 167 of 1925.
 - as This procedes pujos in No. 167 of 1925.

- 37 vaiy(vai)bōgam tiruppaṇigaļum ā-chandirāttiyātāyuvāga¹ śānaṅ[ga]māga² naḍattikkoṇḍu³ su-
- 38 ga*ttilē yirukkavum [||*] yinta tanmattukku⁵ yiyā*doruttar ayitam³ paṇṇiṇavarga] * taṅgaļ
- 39 tangaļ⁹ m[ā*]tā-pitāvaiyum kō-pparāmaņaraiyum¹⁰ Vāruņāsiyilē¹¹ koņra pāvattilē¹² pō-
- 40 ga-kkadavargaļāgavum 🕰 Svadattāt(d)=dviguņam puņyam paradatt-ānupālanam | para-
- 41 datt-āpahārēņa svadatta[m*] [ni]shphalam bhavēt13 ||

TRANSLATION.

Let there be prosperity. Obeisance to the blessed Ganadhipati. Salutation to Siva who is beautiful with the moon kissing his lofty head like the chamara and who is the main pillar (the cause) of the creation of the city of the three worlds. Be it well! Hail! Prosperity! This is the roval order issued on the day of the full moon in the bright half of the month of Pushva of the year Isvara which was current after the expiry of the prosperous and victorious year Śālivāhana-Śaka 1439, by the glorious Mahārājādhirāja, Rājaparamēśvara, the conqueror of hostile kings, the destroyer of those kings who break their word, the establisher of the kingdom of the Yavanas, the confiscator of the kingdom14 of the Gajapati king Pratapa-Rudra, the glorious Vīra-Krishņadēvarāya-Mahārāya, conveying the charitable edict to remit jodi and arašupēru as sarvamānya to the Šiva, Vishņu and other temples in the Chola country. We (the king) started from Vijayanagara to the eastern region on a tour of conquest, took the fort of Udayagiri, captured Tirumalai Rāhuttarāya, took Vinikondai, Nāgārjunakondai, Vellamukonda, Kondavīdu, Kondapalli, Rājamahēndrapuram, and other forts, captured Vīrabhadrasēna Gajapati. son of Prataparudra Gajapati, Pradhanabhupati, Prahlatan, Sirachchandran, Mallu Khan, Uddanda Khān, and other feudatories as prisoners, and defeated and killed Pratāpa-Rudra Gajapati. We then went to Simhādri and set up a pillar of victory at Pottanūru. On the auspicious day of the Makara-sankranti on the banks of the river Krishnavēnī and in the presence of Anantaśāyin of Undavilli and Mallikārjunadēvar of Gajavādai, We issued with libation of water a royal order evidencing a sarvamānya grant to the respective Siva and Vishņu temples of 10,000 varāhans being the contributions of jōdi and śūlavari payable by them. The temples were those viz., of Tiruchchirāppalļi, Santalagai, Tirukkāttuppalļi, Tirunagari, Tirunāngūr, Tiruvaļundūr Tēvūr, Tiruvennagar, Agalangan, Tiruvantirapuram, Tirumānikuli, Tirupattūr, Vaigal, Tirumuttam, Tiruppādiripuliyūr, Tiruttinainagar, Iraivānāsur, Sendavanmangalam, Tirunāvallūr, Tittaikudi, Tirunāgaiyūr, Kāṇāṭṭampullūr, Tiyāgavalli, Śīrāmaviṇṇagar, Tiruvelliyangudi, Panda-

- 1 Read : ā-chandr-āditya-sthāyuvāga ; in No. 226 of 1925 it is ā-chandr-ārka-sthāyuvāga.
- 2 Should be sāngamāga as in No. 226 of 1925.
- 3 The reading is nadattukkondu in 235 of 1925.
- No. 226 of 1926 has sukhattile.
- * The reading is dharmattuku in No. 226 of 1925.
- * The syllable yi is superfluous.
- 7 Should be ahitam as in No. 235 of 1925.
- * The reading is pannina pērgaļ in No. 235 of 1925,
- Followed by another tangal in Nos. 226 and 235 of 1925.
- 10 Read : gō-brāhmanaraiyum.
- 11 Vāraņavāsi in No. 226 of 1925.
- 12 The reading is doshattile in No. 226 of 1925.
- 13 Followed by the words subham=astu and sri-Virūpāksha in No. 226 of 1925, and sii-Virūpāksha only in Nos. 125 of 1904 and 235 of 1925.
 - 14 Saptāngam rājyam=uchyatē-Kāmandaka.

nanallür, Talaichchangādu, Kuruchchi, Tiruppungūr, Korukkai, Talaināyakani, Tirumangalakkudi, Tiruvišalūr, Tirutēvankudi, Sūryadēvanāyanārköyil, Tirukködikā, Kurrālam, Sirukudi, Tirukkuraiyalūr, Virkudi, Āchchāpuram, Tiruvaliputtūr, Nallūr, Āndārköyil, Gangaikondam, Tirumachchūr, Tirunanipalli and other places in the Chōlamandala which consisted of the Irandār-rupparru Bhuvanaikavīrapattana-chīrmai, Tanjāvūrpattana-chchīrmai and Tiruchchirāppallichīrmai. According to this royal order which is to be engraved in stone in all the temples, the worship, festivities, celebrations and repairs shall be executed properly and without shortcomings in all the temples as long as the sun and moon endure. He who acts against this charity shall incur the sin of having killed his mother, father, cows and Brahmins at Vārānasi.

The protection of another's gift is twice as meritorious as making one's own. By the robbing of another's gift, one's own gift becomes devoid of merit.

No. 33—JUBBULPORE STONE INSCRIPTION OF VIMALASIVA : THE [KALACHURI] YEAR 926.

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The stone bearing this inscription was found at Jubbulpore, the headquarters of a district of the same name in the Central Provinces and is now preserved in the Nagpur Museum. The record has been referred to several times, e.g., by Dr. F. E. Hall in the Journal of the American Oriental Society, Vol. VI, p. 533, by Dr. F. Kielhorn in the Indian Antiquary, Vol. XVIII, p. 210, n. 2, and again in this journal Vol. V, Appendix I, p. 60, n. 4, and by Rai Bahadur Hiralal in his Inscriptions in the Central Provinces and Berar, (second ed.), p. 42, but owing presumably to its very bad preservation none has so far attempted a transcript or even an abstract of its contents.² A careful and patient examination of the original has enabled me to prepare the subjoined transcript and while I have not been able to decipher or restore the complete text, I hope I have been able to make out almost all that can be deciphered in the present condition of the original.

The writing covers a space 2' 1" broad and 1' 8½" high. The average size of letters is 5". The surface of the stone, which was originally made none too smooth, has been further damaged by exposure to weather, and several letters in the middle as well as on the right hand side of the first fourteen lines and some more in the middle of lines 19-24 have become illegible. The characters are Nāgarī. The letters were beautifully written and carefully executed. It will suffice to draw attention to the proper sign of b as an independent letter in bibhrat, 1, 25 and in its superscript form in "r-beabhūea, 1, 9, and also to the form of the initial i in iti, 1, 12, of the initial in richām, 1, 15, and of s, the left member of which resembles the English figure 8, as in Siväya, 1, 1. The language is Sanskrit and except for the obeisance to Siva in the beginning of the first line and the date in the last, the inscription is in verse throughout. The verses are not numbered, but they appear to be fifty in all. The orthography does not present anything calling for special notice except that v and b as well as s and s are confounded in some places.

The object of the inscription is to record the construction of a temple of the moon-crested god (Šiva) by Vimalašiva, the religious preceptor of the king Jayasiraha of the Kalachuri dynasty of Tripuri. The god was named Kirtišvara after Vimalašiva's guru Kirtišiva. The

¹ For various forms of this name see n. 25, p. 306 above.

^{*} Hiralal remarks in his Inscriptions in C. P. and Berar (Second ed.), p. 42, that 'this is a pretty big record but is too much defaced to yield any useful information.'

inscription also records that the king Jayasimha endowed the temple with three villages on the occasion of a solar eclipse. It is dated in words as well as in numerical figures in the year 926, without any specification of the month, fortnight, tithi or week-day. This date must, of course, be referred to the Kalachuri era. It corresponds, for the expired Kalachuri year 926, to A.D. 1174-75. In this year there was only one solar eclipse, viz., that which occurred on the amāvāsyā of the pūrnimānta Pausha, on Tuesday, the 26th November A.D. 1174. This is, therefore, probably the date of Jayasimha's grant if it was made in the same Kalachuri year in which the record was put up. It does not admit of verification, but it falls in the reign of Jayasimha, who, we know, was ruling at least from K. 918² to K. 928³.

After three mangala-slokas in praise of Siva, we are told that the god revealed the Saiva doctrine for the realization of the self by the worlds. Some Saiva teachers were named in lines 4-7, but the names of Vimalaśiva4 and Vāstuśiva5 only are now completely legible. In line 8 we read the name of Purushasiva who is described as the cause of Yasahkarna's prosperity. Next is mentioned Saktisiva in connection with Gayakarna. His disciple was Kirtisiva who is said to have contributed to the prosperity of the king Narasimha. Five verses (22-26) are devoted to his glorification. The next eighteen verses refer to Vimalasiva. He belonged to the gotra of Viśvāmitra and was the son of Madhusūdana and Umā. Having paid off his debt to gods and others by performing religious rites at Prabhasa, Gökarna, Gaya, and other tirthus, he was initiated in the Saiva doctrine by Kirtisiva. He was very handsome, learned and liberal and exercised great vigilance in looking after all affairs of the king. The earth, being adorned with gardens, tanks, charitable houses, temples and dwellings for Brahmanas constructed by him, is said to have vied with heaven in splendour. The king Javasimha devoutly bowed to him. We are next told that Vimalasiva built a temple of Siva under the name Kirtisvara for the glory and religious merit of his spiritual preceptor Kirtisiva. The king Javasimha endowed it with three villages on the occasion of a solar eclipse. One of these villages which was named Tekabhara, was situated in the vishaya (district) of Navapattala and the other two named Kandaravada and Vadoha in Samudrapata which was apparently another district.

The importance of the present inscription lies in the information it furnishes about the spiritual preceptors of the Kalachuri kings of Tripuri from Yasahkarna downwards. It may, how-

I I take raveh parvani in line 26 to mean 'on the occasion of a solar eclipse'. Parvan also means a sankranti, but in that case the particular sankranti would have been specified.

² Above, Vol. XXI, p. 95.

¹ Ibid., Vol. II, p. 18.

⁴ This Vimalasiva is probably different from the Saiva ascetic who put up the present inscription.

^{*} I examined the name of this ascetic carefully to see if he could be identified with Vāmašambhu mentioned in the Malkāpuram inscription (J. A. H. R. S., Vol. IV, pp.147 ff) in view of the suggestion recently made that the latter was the spiritual teacher of Karna and represents Vāmadēva on whose feet several Kalachuri kings from Karna downwards are described as meditating. (See Ind. Hist. Quart., Vol. XIV, pp. 96 ff.). A Šaiva Āchārya named Vāmarāši is also mentioned as living in Benares in the Sārnāth inscription of Mahīpāla, dated V. 1083. Ind. Ant., Vol. XIV, p. 140. The Saiva ascetic mentioned in the beginning of line 6 in the present record may have been a contemporary of Karna; for the next legible name is that of Purushašiva who was the guru of Karna's son Yasahkarna. But the second akshara of the aforementioned name does not at all appear like ma. Besides the guru of this Śaiva pontiff was apparently Vimalašiva, mentioned in verse 8, while the guru and the paramaguru of Vāmašmbhu were Somašambhu and Sadbhāvašambhu respectively. I have shown elsewhere that Vāmadēva was a Kalachuri king and not a Śaiva ascetic. See A Volume of Eastern and Indian Studies, pp. 152 ff.

Saktišiva and Kirtišiva may be identical with Saktišambhu and his disciple Kirtišambhu respectively mentioned in the Malkapuram inscription.

ever, be noted in this connection that the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal plates of Govindachandra' mention the Saiva Acharya Rudrasiva, not Purushasiva, as the Rajaguru of Yasahkarna. Perhaps Yasahkarna had two Rajagurus in succession. The name of Vimalasiva, the guru of Jayasimha, occurs in his Jubbulpore Kötwäli plates also.

The present prašasti was composed by the poet Sasidbara, who was a Brabmana of the Maunyas gotra. He composed also the Bhera-Ghat inscription of Alhanadevi, while his elder brother Prithvidhara was the author of the Towar inscription of Gayakarna. The present record was incised on the stone by Namadeva, the son of Mahidhara. His father was the engraver of the

aforementioned stone inscriptions of Gayakarna and Alhanadevi.

As for the localities mentioned in the present record, Tekabhara may be identical with Tikhārī, 5 miles south by west of Jubbulpore. The vishaya (district) of Navapattalā4 in which it was situated may have comprised the territory round the modern Nayakhera which lies about 8 miles west of Tikhāri. Samudrapāta is probably Samand Pipāriā, 4 miles south of Jubbulpore. There are several villages named Kunda or Kundan near Jubbulpore, one of which may represent the ancient Kandaravada. No place exactly corresponding to Vadoha can, however, be traced in the Jubbulpore District.

TEXT.

[Metres: Vv. 1, 18, 28, 35, 36, 38, 41, and 44 Sardulavikridita; vv. 2 (3) and 6 Upendravajrā; vv. 3. 4, 7, 9, 11-15, 20-22, 24, 27, 29-32, 37, 42, 43, 45, 48, and 49 Anushtubh; v. 5 Vamisastha; vv. 8, and 47 Upagiti ; vv. 10 and 46 Indravajra ; vv. 16 and 26 Aupachchhandasika ; vv. 17, 25 and 33 Upajāti; v. 19 Viyogini; v. 23 Vasantatilakā; v. 34 Praharshiņi; v. 39 Mālini; v. 40 Sragdhara; v. 50 Arva.]

- 1 सिडि: [1*] भी नमः शिवाय ॥ उत्मीलकामलावलम्बि(स्वि)तर्रातर्वन्यदिनेन्द्रस्थितिर्दि।—। दीवा [म] डितप्रकाश्वसतिः [कारण्डपुर्णोद्गतिः] । सस्यम्बर्जित[संश्विता] डित-कति: श्रीमर्व श्रीदेशोहतिकाता पुरायतदात्मजः
- गुभक्ततिर्व्विध्वस्तदेत्वोत्ततः ॥[१॥*] हषप्रतिष्ठः त्रितवारिजयो $\underline{\smile} \underline{\smile} - \underline{\smile}$ しし---- 三部 ヒヒヒヒューーヒヒヒヒヒ **ノー・ヒエドドドド・ーーバー**
- प्रश्नंति तं तुम: ॥[३॥*] जगतामात्मसं[सि]है। शिवः してに - - - と と と と と - - - と は | | | | | | | ------

*This is also the spelling of the name in the Bhera-Ghat stone inscription of Alhanadevi, but the Gora-

promunibandhakudumba spella it as Mauga. There is a larger village named Nayagaon in the former Narsinghpur (now Hoshangabad) District, but it is too far from Jubbulpore, being situated about 45 miles south by west of it. Besides, no places corresponding to Těkabhara. Samudrapātaka, etc., can be traced in the vicinity of it.

From the original stone and inked estampages.

¹ J. A. S. B., Vol. XXXI, pp. 123 ff.

² Above, Vol. XXI, p. 95. Vimalasiva is also mentioned in the recently discovered Rewalt plates of K. 963, above, Vol. XXV. pp. 1 ff.

Expressed by a symbol. This word is clearly written in the beginning of the unpublished British Museum plate of Karna.

4 सत्रितानुभूतयः ॥[५॥*] तदन्वये शिष्यपरम्परायाः क्रमावि वंगःः]
○
5 या ॥[७॥*] ग्रिच्यं विमलगिवाभिधमाधायासी पदे स्त्रीय ।
······ [511*] 22220——20000
ー・ヒ । यत्नोत्तिवं[ज्ञभा ?] ーヒヒヒヒヒー・ヒ ॥[धा*
6 वास्तुशिवाभिधानः श्रेयःप्रकर्षम्परमादधानः । यथेदिपानां वि[षये] 🗸 — 💆
I[(o *]
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— ৺ था[११॥*] ৺ ৺ ৺ ৺ श्वः शिषः [पुरुषार्थाय] सम्प-
7 दम् । गुणानां च धनानां च परोपक्षतये पर(रा)म् ॥[१२॥*] शासनं 💆 🔾
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8 गुणगणानिव ॥[१४॥] प्रीतिः पाचे रतिस्तीर्थे स्थितिः पथि सर्ते सताम् । अक्ति-
अभवभवत्तस्य समस्य ८०−० ८ ॥[१५॥*]
। "[भिज्ञः] पुरुषित्रवः पुरुषोत्त-
9 मोसा ग्रिष्य: ॥[१६॥*] यस्त्राद्यग्र:कर्णनराधिपस्य प्रादुर्व्व(व्व)भ्वाभ्युदयपगत्था ।
वसायकामधु तथा सस्वियया गिरा प्रत्यस्यापनः ॥ ००, ॥ ००, ॥
गयकार्ष्यदेवस्त्रपतेः — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
जानताः ।

About 18 aksharas are gone here.
About 30 aksharas are lost here.

- 11 स्व सुमनोभूषणियः । गीयते चित्तं यस्य सिद्धः कत्यतरोस्ति ॥[२०॥*]
 सत्तोत्तिंकत्यलिकावष्टंभाद्गृतभूरुष्ठः । तस्य कौर्त्तियिवः ग्रिय्यस्तिष्य ?] ८
 ८ [बभूव सः] [॥२१॥*] [येन देव ?] ८ ८ ८ ८ ८ ८ ८ —
 ८ ८ । नरसिंग्रनरेन्द्रस्य बभूवा-
- 12 श्रुद्याय सः ॥[२२*॥] न स्वंदनं वसुमती न च चंद्रस्यौँ चको न सारियर-भूका च विश्वयोनिः । नेषुईरिः परपुराणि तथापि भन्न चक्रो यतः स इति कीर्त्तिश्रिवः स्मृ[टं सः*] ॥[२२॥*] यशोभिरिंदुविश्यदैस्तथैवारिविकर्षितैः । अपूपुरत्म सर्वाशा विवे-
- 13 ककुसुमैरिव ॥[२४॥*] दृष्टी च विपृष्टमनोभवीपि प्रसम्रचंद्रप्रतिमाननोपि । इष-प्रतिष्ठीपि शिवावसक्तीप्यभूत्म नोग्रो न च सदिजिन्न: ॥[२५॥*] कलचुरिकुल-. . . . 'यन्ति प्रदीपाः • । स यथैव तथेन्द्रियाणि सर्वा-
- 14 स्थपि विश्वाससुरहुरिंदिरायाः ॥[२६॥*] विस्वासित्रवगित्राचित्राचे सैचादावंकताः । प्रापुर्व्विपाः क्रियंतो न प्रतिष्ठां परमिष्ठनः ॥[२०॥*] येषां सम्यगधीतवेद-विषयज्ञानार्थमत्वादरा[त्*] [येषां]

 — । येषां [चा]र्थसम्बिभिः समभव-
- 15 विद्यानि पूर्तानि च प्रायक्ष्येन महीस्तामिव सदा यायावराणामपि ॥[२८॥*]

 क्रमात्तवाभवतीचे मैचीं सचे(ब्रें)षु संदधत् । ऋचां पदक्रमाधीती वी(वी)दा

 च मधुस्दनः ॥[२८॥*] दचिणायावतंसस्य कुंभयोनेरिवाधिकम् । व(व)भूव

 यस्य विवु(वु)धीदी(दी)धाय म-
- 17 ज्रुखमापद्म स्रादिवर्धे । ग्रैवं व्रतं कीर्त्तिश्रवाद्यार समग्रमुगादुपमन्युवदाः ॥[३२॥*] कल्पायुर्व्धिमल्यावः स एव [तस्ता]हि(हि)श्वाणः कलियुगकल्पपाद- पत्वम् । [यक्का]यां विवु(बु)धगणोधिगम्य धत्ते वैध्यें न खलु [महोत्स]योदयेषु ॥[३॥*] जा-

About 5 aksharas are missing here.

¹ About 7 aksharas are gone here.

- 18 ति: सज्जनपूजिता रतिपतेर्व्यावर्त्तनायाक्तिर्व्यक्तिः कांतिसृहत्प्रगांतिसृतपा स्कीतिर्माणानां गुरु:। रीति: प्रीति करी सतामतितरां नीति: सदा तहिदां [मीनं मङ्गल]-्र सुद्यमेकसरणेरस्वेव संदृश्यते ॥[३५॥*] वाणी सहुणनेपुणप्रण-
- 19 यिनी व्र(ब्र)ह्मास्यपद्मात्रया त्री: त्रीवलाविभूषवला वसतिप्रेमिति [लो]कोक्तय: एतस्मिन्युनरइतं इयमिदं सानंद[सुद्यो(द्यो)तते ताद्ययादगजीजन[स्]मनसां चेत-स् - ॥[३६॥*] विद्यासमुद्रचंद्रस्य तपःश्रीमरसीरुहः । सत्यो-
- 20 इत्तमित्रसास्याद्वतं न ॥[३७॥*] यस्यार्थिद्विजराजदर्भनवभाद्दानाम्ब्(म्ब्)-विम [भिर्व्वर्षते] यहा [रानिदिवं] वरेण विधिना धर्मस्य तन्वीरिवं । यो दर्शे-व्यपि सादरं दिजपतीनची ख्योभाभरान्दची योजयते सुवर्णि विकास दी हिणीनां स(ग्र)तै: ॥[३८॥*]
- 21 सक्तलन्द्रपतिक्तत्यप्रत्यवैचासु दाच्यं समधिकमधि — जर्यधुर्यः । दिजपतिरिप पूर्णः कोमलाभिः कलाभिः कलयति व(व)ललीलां योरि — क्षा चार्म वस्त्री लक्षीलीलाकटाचैरतिकुतुकतया संततं लक्षमाणी-
- यः कचिद्पि सहते स(श)क्तिमुलेचियचीम् । पृ व्योषा]लेन नित्यं [व(ब) इल]समुचिते कार्यजाते नियुक्तोप्यादत्ते नैव जाडां [कद्दन ?]पि विधिवनित्यनैमित्ति[केषु] ॥[४०॥*] [नित्यं] [वासनया] - - - -
- 23 रपूर्व्वविधि[ईत्तं] न यन्नास्ति तत् । पात्रं तन यदर्चितं न व(ब)इशस्तीर्थे न तडूतले दानसानतपीभिरङ्गततमैर्यनामुना संस्कृतम् ॥[४१॥*] साधीयांसि महीयांसि स्थेयांसि स्थाणकविण: । श्रेयांसि यस्य वर्दते महांसीव यथां-
- उद्यानसरसी[सन्न]पासादिहजवेश्मभिः । भूमिः परिभवत्यस्य च ॥[8२॥*] कैर्भृषाभरैर्दिवम् ॥[४३॥*] यो मंत्रैः करवर्त्तिनः समकरोक्रोकान् परेभ्यः परान् र्ज्यसिंहदेवनृपतिर्भक्त्यातिनस्त्रीपि सन् । स श्रीमान्विमलेखरः कलिमलप्र-

¹ The visarga is dropped here according to the Varttika on Panini VIII, 3, 36, The second vatsa here means the breast'.

The form udyōtatē can also be correct. In that case the root is yut and not dyut.—B. C. C.] * Tantri seems to be used here in the sense of 'a sinew'.

^{*} Vikaŝa(sa)t, (blooming) seems to be used here in the sense of vilasat (shining), Read kvachid=api.

- 25 चालनैकचमां कीर्त्ते देव[नदीमिव] विभुवने विस्तार[येब्रंदनीम्] ॥[४४॥*] [च]चीकरचंद्रमीलेभींदि'रमादरात् । गुरोः कीर्त्तिशिवस्थैतत्कीर्त्तये सकताय च ॥[४५॥*]
 देवाय कीर्तीखरमंज्ञिताय प्रादादमुभै जयिमंच्देवः । विभ्वज्ञवे भिक्तभरं
 गुरी
- 26 च ग्रामानवेः पर्वणि न[व्य ?]दायान् ॥[४६॥*] टेकभराख्यस्तेषामिको नवपत्त-लाविषये । अन्यौ समुद्रपाटे कंडरवाडों वडोंहस्च(ख) ॥[४७॥*] मीन्यान्वय-दिजंद्रत्रीधरणीधरनंदनः । प्रशस्तिमकरोदेताम्प्रीत्या शसि(ग्रि)धरः कविः ॥[४८॥*] सूत्रधारणि-
- 27 [रोरत]महीधरतनू इतः । शिलामलं करोदेतां नामदेवोऽचरैर्व्वरैः ॥ [४८॥*] सम्ब-अ त्वि इंशत्युत्तरनवश्रताङ्कोपि ८२६ ॥ यावत्सूर्याचेद्री यातायातं नभस्तले तपतः । तावत्कीर्त्तनमेतत्कीर्त्यं कर्त्तुः स्थिरं भूयात् ॥ [५०॥*] अ

TRANSLATION.

Success! Om! Obeisance to Siva!

(Verse 1.) Having become a meritorious person's son of righteous deeds, (Siva) who takes delight in blooming lotuses, who abides in venerable Brāhmaņas, who dwells blamelessly in honoured lustre, rises from the Kāraṇḍavatī river⁵ (?), and completely destroys the (evil) actions of the enemies of those who take refuge with him, annihilates the arrogance of demons.

- (V. 2.) Siva, who is mounted on the bull, who has the beauty of lotuses.....
- (V. 3.) We praise [Siva], whom they see.....
- (V. 4.) For the realization of their self by the worlds, Siva revealed his doctrine.....
- (V. 5.) Those whose direct knowledge failed
- (V. 6.) In his lineage in the succession of disciples in course of time, the family......
- (V. 7.)
- (V. 8.) Having installed his disciple, Vimalasiva, in his own place, he.........
- (V. 9.) Whose dear fame.....
- (V. 10.) (He) who was named Vāstuśiva, who caused great bliss, who.....in the country of the lords of Chēdi....
 - (V. 11.)
- (V. 12.) His disciple named....siva, who acquired a great excellence of merits and wealth in order to oblige others (and) to attain the aims of human life......
 - (V. 13.)
- (V. 14.)like multitudes of merits......

¹ Two aksharas are inadvertently omitted here. Read -maul& ramyam mandiram.

² Alamkaröt is grammatically incorrect. Read =alamchakār=aitām.

^{*} Read Samvat shadvim saty-uttara-nava-satë=nkë'=pi.

⁴ There is an ornamental figure here.

⁵ There is some allusion here, which is not clear to me. Monier-Williams gives Kārandavatī (which is perhaps intended here by kāranda-pūrņā) as the name of a river.

- (V. 15.) He, (though) possessed of equanimity, bore love towards worthy persons, was attached to holy places, followed the path approved by good people (and) was devoted to Siva.....
 - (V. 16.) Purushasiva, the best of men, who was conversant with was his disciple
- (V. 17.) On account of whom there arose as much abundance—great with prosperity—in religious merit, wealth and enjoyment of Yasahkarna as that of (Indra), the lord of immortals, through Brihaspati.
- (V. 18.) His disciple, Saktisiva,.....(who augmented) the (two) royal powers of the illustrious king Gayakarna, made the circle of regions very bright with the mass of his fame as he did the ocean of learning with the excellence of his intellect.
- (V. 19.) the prowess of the king Gayakarna the hostile king forcibly.....
- (V. 20.) The deeds of him, who is pre-eminently counted among good people and whose wealth is an ornament of his good heart, are sung by wise men like those of the celestial wish-fulfilling tree.
- (V. 21.) The disciple of him—a marvellous tree entwined by the creeping plant of noble fame
 —(was) Kirtisiva.....
 - (V. 22.) He caused the prosperity of the king Narasimha . . .
- (V. 23) (Unlike Siva) he had not the earth for his chariot, nor the sun and the moon for its wheels, nor Brahmā for his charioteer, nor Vishņu for his arrow. Still he reduced to askes the cities of the enemies (as Siva did those of the demons). Hence he (was) clearly Kirtišiva (Siva in glory).
- (V. 24.) He filled all regions with his glory which he wrested from the enemy and which was as bright as the moon, as with the flowers of discrimination.
- (V. 25.) Though he had burned the feeling of love in his glances, though his face resembled the bright moon, though he was firmly attached to religion and was devoted to Siva (even as Siva burned the god of love by his glance, has a bright disc of the moon on his forehead, is mounted on the bull and is attached to Pärvati), he was (unlike Siva who is called Ugra* and wears serpents) neither dreadful in appearance nor attended by backbiters.*
- (V. 27.) In the gotra of Visvamitra which is the friend of the world, how many Brahmanas, adorned with benevolences and other (virtues), have not attained the pre-eminence of Parameshthin (God)?
- (V. 28.) Their with great regard for the understanding of the contents of the Védas which they had studied in the right manner Though they were vagrant mendicants, their sacrificial rites and charitable works were performed with abundance of wealth and in a praiseworthy manner like those of kings.

For the equipment of Siva in his fight with the demons of the three cities, see Mahabhārata, Drönaparvan, adhyāya 202, vv. 71-78 (Chitrašālā Press ed.).

^{*} There is a play on the word grishs meaning (1) religion and (2) the bull Nandt.

Sindrasakta is to be interpreted in two ways; (i) Sind-newsakta meaning 'devoted to Siva', and (ii) Sind-newsakta meaning 'attached to Parvatt'.

[.] Ugro is a name of Siva.

^{*} Desfikes (two-tongued) means (i) a sorpent, and (ii) a backbiter.

Maitri is one of the four blatunds which Yogina cultivate,

- (V. 29) In course of time there was born in that götra Madhusudana who bore benevolence towards all, had studied the pada and krama texts of the Riks and understood their meaning.
- (V. 30.) The rising greatness of him, who was an ornament of the southern regions, led greatly to the awakening of learned men, even as the rise of the star Agastya,1 the ornament of the southern direction causes the awakening of the gods (from slumber).
- (V. 31.) Through him who was an ornament of the foremost among Brahmanas, (his) wife named Uma, who resembled Parvati, was adorned by a son even as the three worlds were by Skanda.
- (V. 32.) Having studied the Vedas and understood their contents, he, observing vows, [pleased all people] like the southern breeze,
- (V. 33.) Having paid off his debt to the best of gods and others at Prabhasa, Gökarna, Gaya and other holy places, he received (initiation in) the Saiva vow from Kirtisiva even as Upamanyu did from Ugra (i.e., Siva).
- (V. 34.) (May) this Vimalasiva, who has consequently become the wish-fulfilling tree of the Kali age, live to the end of the world !- (the tree), having come under the shade of which a multitude of Brahmanas does not indeed feel distressed on the approach of great festivities!
- (V. 35.) In the case of only this (Vimalasiva) who is solely devoted to exertion are seen (the following), viz., birth in a caste (viz., Brahmana) which is honoured by good people, a (handsome) form which can turn back the god of love (in discomfiture), a personality attended by lustre, a large increase of merits accompanied by great tranquillity and excellent austerity, a mode of behaviour which is exceedingly pleasing to good people, political wisdom which is always pleasing to the politicians (and) blessed silence.
- (V. 36.) '(The goddess of) speech who is fond of proficiency in merits dwells in the lotus which is Brahma's face, and the goddess of fortune loves to live on the breast of (Vishnu) who is adorned with Srivatsa.'-This is what people say. But, what a wonder! this pair shines forth so joyfully in him that it has caused in the minds of magnanimous people!
- (V. 37.) What thing concerning him is not marvellous ?- (him) who is the moon to the ocean of learning, a lotus to the goddess of austerities, a pleasure-mountain to the truth and a friend of virtuous conduct !
- (V. 38.) At the sight of the best of Brahmanas (who approach him) as supplicants, his piety increases in an excellent manner, day and night with the libations of water (poured at the time) of making gifts like a sinew of religion. Vigilant as he is, he confers respectfully on the best of Brāhmanas, whose splendour has not decreased, hundreds of red cows shining with gold even on new-moon days.
- (V. 39.) Showing great vigilance in looking after all royal affairs, the indefatigable leader The foremost among Brahmanas (viz., Vimalasiva), though proficient in fine arts, shows the play of his power against the enemies

* The star Canopus which appears on the horizon just before the commencement of Sarad or autumn. [There is also a veiled reference to the sage Agastya who is associated with the propagation of Aryan culture in the south.-Ed.]

In this verse also there is a pun on words like dvija-pati, kala, ets.

a There is a play on the words daksha, deija-pati and rohini. Daksha gave only one Röhini (i.e., the star Aldeberan) to the moon and that too on the full-moon day, while Vimalasiva gives hundreds of rohinis (red cows) to Brahmanas even on the new-moon day. The star Röhinl is personified as the daughter of Daksha and the favourite wife of the moon.

- (V. 40.) Though he is ever looked at with great eagerness by the goddess of fortune with sportful glances, he nowhere suffers the sense-organs to have the power of making him vain. Though he is always employed by the king in many worthy affairs, be nowhere shows slackness in (the performance of) obligatory and occasional religious rites.
- (V. 41.)(There was) no discriminating action which he did not perform; (there was) no gift which he did not confer; (there was) no deserving person whom he did not bonour many, times (and there was) no holy place on the earth which he did not sanctify with marvellous gifts, bathing and austerities.
- (V. 42.) Of him who is like Siva, the exceedingly good, great and lasting blessings and glory increase like his lustre.
- (V. 43.) With what ornaments (supplied by him) does not the earth surpass beaven !- (the earth, which has) gardens, tanks, charitable feeding houses, temples and houses of Brahmanas ?
- (V. 44.) May that illustrious Vimalasiva—who by his counsels has made (even) the most distant people pay taxes, (to whom) the king Jayasiriha [bows] becoming very bumble through devotion spread in the three worlds his delightful fame which, like the celestial river, is capable of washing away the taint of the Kali age!
- (V. 45.) He caused a temple of the moon-crested (Sive) to be constructed for the same and religious merit of his teacher Kirtisiva out of reverence for him.
- (V. 46.) To this god named Kirtisvara, Jayasirahadeva, through devotion to Siva and his teacher, has made new grants of villages on (the occasion of) the sun's eclipse.
- (V. 47.) Of these, the village called Tekabhara is situated in the viskaya (district) of Navapattala and two others (vis.,) Kandaravada and Vadôha in (the district of) Samudrapata,
- (V. 48.) The poet Sasidhara, the son of the illustrious Dharapidhara who is the foremost among Brahmanas, born in the family of Maunya, has composed this prasasti with pleasure.
- (V. 49.) Nārmadēva, the son of Mahidhara, the crest-jewel of artisans, has adorned this slab with excellent letters:
 - (In) the year nine hundred increased by twenty-six, in figures, 926.
- (V. 50.) May this temple endure firmly for the fame of the builder as long as the sun and the moon, going and coming, shine in the firmsment!

No. 34.—CONJEEVERAM INSCRIPTION OF BRAHMA-TANTRA-SVATANTRA-JIYAR: SAKA 1282.

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Kanchipuram in the Chingleput District was an important place of pilgrimage from very early times. Portions of this town and its environs were in the olden days known according to their religious associations, as the Buddha-Kañchi, Jina-Kañchi, Siva-Kañchi, and Vishnu-Kañchi, The inscriptions published below is engraved on the north wall of the second prakara of the Varadarāja temple at Little Conjeeveram, otherwise called Vishņu-Kānchi, which is very sacred to the Vaishnavas of the south.

No. 574 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1919.

[.] Kara-veritis means also one who is near at hand. The statement Vimalasiva makes most distant people near involves contradiction, but it is only apparent, the intended some being as given above. The figure is Vivodhahham:

a Buddha-Kanehi is referred to in No. 15 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1934-35 (Annual Report on South Indian Epigraphy, 1934-35, para. 56). Jina Käncht is represented by Tirupparuttikkungu near Conjecveram ; Siva-Kanchi and Vishnu-Kanchi are respectively the modern Big sud Little Conjecveram.

The characters in which the record is engraved are Tamil and Grantha, the latter being employed for the Sanskrit words. The language is Tamil with an admixture of Sanskrit words, and is somewhat illustrative of the type of Vaishnava composition prevalent in this period and locality. The record is very well preserved, and its orthography does not call for any comment.

The record does not quote any king's name but is simply dated in Saka 1282 and contains the astronomical details—Vikārin, Mēsha, su. 1, Friday and Asvati—which yield the equivalent A.D. 1359, March 29. It states that a certain Vaishnavadāsa who had been given the title of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar by the god (Hastigirīsa), was put in charge of a matha evidently at Kānchīpuram in Saka 1282. This information is of interest for Vaishnava religious history, as it enables us to identify this first pontiff of the matha with the direct disciple of the great Vēdānta-Dēsika, the erudite scholar, keen controversialist and deeply venerated Vaishnava āchārya, whose literary and religious activities are said to have extended over a major portion of the 14th century A.D.

As mentioned above, the inscription does not refer itself to the reign of any king, but it is somewhat peculiarly worded, in that it purports to have been issued by the deity himself. In the Tamil records of this temple, the god is called Arulalapperumal or Tiruvattiyūr-ninraruliya-Paramasvāmin, or the great Lord who was pleased to stand at Tiruvattiyūr'. The village-name Tiruvattiyūr having been Sanskritised into Hastigiri, the god came to be known to Sanskrit authors as Hastigirīša, by which name he is referred to in the opening verse of this epigraph. It is stated that on the representation made by the agent Perumaltātan and other Bhattas, the god, while seated in regal pomp with his consorts in the abhishēka-mandapa of the temple on the throne named Vīravallāļan under the canopy called the Ariyenavallān-pandal listening to the chanting of the songs of Sathakōpa, was pleased to confer the title of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar on a certain Vaishnavadāsa and to put him in charge of a matha and its properties, so that he may propagate the tenets of the Rāmānuja-daršanam³ to the Vaishnava laity, and maintain the library which he had collected, probably in the matha premises. A sentence at the end adds that this divine order (tirumugam) was engraved on stone by the temple-accountant.

In regard to the particular style of wording in this inscription, couched as if the orders had emanated directly from the deity himself, it may be mentioned that this convention was adopted by some of the Vaishnava temples in the Tirunelveli District in the 14th and 15th centuries A.D., and in some instances in the South Arcot and Chingleput Districts also. Some Saiva temples also appear to have sparingly copied this procedure in drafting their documents at this period. In such cases, the occasion when and the place wherefrom the orders were issued are given at some length. Some instances may be quoted.

 Sakābdam 1463 nāļ . . . Mullināttu brahmadēyam śrī-Sēravan-mahādēvi-chaturvēdimangalattu vadapāl śrīmad-Dvārakānāthan aruļāl Āyirattenman-pandar-kīļ Virakēraļan-pīthattu nāmum nam pendugaļodun kūdi-irundu, etc.—(Shermādēvi, No. 186 of 1895 of the Madras Epigraphical collection—S. I. I., Vol. V, No. 750).

इसीग्रं लोकविखातं कौखिन्यं विदुषां वरम्।

रामानुजार्यसिडान्तस्थापनाचार्यमात्रये॥

Dēśika is believed to have been born in A.D. 1269, Śukla, and to have died in A.D. 1370, Saumya. The present record is of help in confirming the period of his literary activity as the second half of the 14th century A.D.

² The artificial ramp formed by an enclosed mandapa is called the 'Tirumalai' or 'giri', on top of which the shrine of Varadaraja is located.

Compare the verse composed in praise of this Jiyar:

This is analogous to the instances in which kings are described as having been seated in particular halls of their palaces and on particular seats, while issuing the orders contained in the respective epigraphs.

- 2. Nāyanār Tiruvidaikaļi-Nāyanār Ādi-ayana-ttiru-mañjanam seydaruļi Irāmānujan-tirumandapattu Nālukavipperumāļ-Vīrasimhāsanattu srī-Sathakopan tirumuttin-pandal-kkīļ Nāchchimārudan chēndaruļi-irundu engaļai aruļappādittaruļi nammudaiya adiyāril . . . nammudaiya kumāran Hariyanan kumāran Hariyanan, etc.—(Tirukkoyilūr, No. 356 of 1929 of the Madras Epigraphical collection).

The reigning king of the time is referred to in these records as nam pillai or nam kumāraņ 'the god's son or favourite', and in response to his formal petition that a particular transaction may be made, the god is described as sanctioning it and issuing a ratificatory order to that effect to the officials concerned. This convention does not, however, appear to have been in vogue for a long time. Ādi-Chaṇḍēśvara, one of the sixty-three Nāyaṇmārs, is considered to be the steward-inchief (mūla-bhṛitya) of Śaiva temples, and the documents relating to them are drafted in his name. Similarly also Vishvaksēna or Sēṇai-mudaliyār is looked upon as the Manager of Vaishṇava temples. It is one step further to assume that the orders were issued directly by the god himself. Such divine mandates are called aruļappāḍu; and in the Śrīraṅgam temple, god Raṅgarāja is even now conventionally considered to look after the affairs of his temple himself and issue the necessary orders through the mouth of his temple-officials.

Before proceeding to examine the contents of this record, a few expressions occurring in it may be explained.

(L. 2). Vīravallāļan simhāsaņam and Ariyenavallān-pandal are the names respectively of a throne and a canopy. The first was probably presented to the temple by the Hoysala king Vīra-Ballāļa III², while the second may have been named after some one having the title 'he who is as powerful as a lion,' but whose title it was is not known.

Nam pendugal-viz., Vishņu's two consorts, Śrī and Bhūmī.

Sathakopan-pāṭṭu kēļānirka—Sathakopa is the name of the Vaishnava saint Nammāļvār, whose Tiruvāymoļi is considered equal to the Vēdas in sanctity and is chanted in the presence of the deity on particular occasions. Endowments made for this service in Vishnu temples are often mentioned in inscriptions.

(L. 3). Perumāļtātaņ—Perumāļtātaņ or Perumāļdāsaņ would odinarily mean 'a devotee of Perumāļ (Vishņu)'; but in this context it appears to have been the name of the agent, super-

(a) सर्वलीकसमुत्पत्तिस्थितिसंहारकारणम्।

भासनं भायतं शंभी: श्रीवीव्यितवासनः ॥ -No. 127 of 1894 of the Madras Epigraphical collection.

(b) एतत् वैलोकानिर्माणवाणसंहारकारणम्।

वीमत्शीरङनायस भासनं भावतं परम्॥ —No. 51 of 1938-39 of the same collection.

² Ballāļa III was camping at Kāñchīpuram in Bhāvaka (Śaka 1256)—No. 401 of 1919 of the Madras Epigraphical collection. In two other records from the same temple, one of which is dated in Śaka 1283, in the regime of Sāluva Mangu, the god is described as seated in a similar manner while issuing the orders.

³ A liquid measure called 'Ariyenavallān-nāli' was current in this temple at this period—(No. 343 of 1919

of the Madras Epigraphical collection).

* Madras Epigraphical Report for 1908, part II, para. 35.

In these instances, the records commence with a Sanskrit verse specifying that the orders emanate from the god himself—

vising the sacred business of the temple (nam vittu karumam kētkum), in whose presence and that of the Bhattas of the temple, the order is stated to have been promulgated. The name 'Vaishnavadasa' occurring in the same line has to be considered as meaning 'the servant-devotee of Vaishnavas' rather than as the personal name of the donee in the record; for according to the Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, the original name of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar was Pēraruļālayyan of Vīravalli¹ and his dāsyanāma on becoming a samnyāsin was Pēraruļāļa-Jīyan.

(L. 4). Samārādhanamum adukku vēndum muttukkalum—seems to refer to the worship to be conducted to the deities kept in the matha itself and the requirements therefor. It is usual for every matha to have images of some deities for worship. In this connection, it may be noted that on the eve of the demise of Vēdānta-Dēšika, some images are said to have been bequeathed to his disciple Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar.2

Postakangalum idukku vēndum upakaranangalum—By postakangal (pustaka), manuscript bundles are apparently meant. The upakaranas are the accessories and paraphernalia required for running a library-such as probably racks for the accommodation of the manuscript bundles, spare sets of cadjan leaves for copying work, and stylus and other scribal apparatus.

Rāmānuja-daršanam-is the Višishtādvaita-siddhānta as codified and expounded in his Śribhāshya by the great Vaishņava apostle Rāmānuja (A.D. 1017-1137). It was he who had raised this system to an unassailable eminence and had arranged for its propagation in true missionary style, by the training of a number of able exponents and simhāsanādhipatis3 from among his numerous disciples.

- (L. 5) Nam Rāmānujam-udaiyārum nam samayattil ullārum—Rāmānujam-udaiyār appears to mean the 'followers of Rāmānuja.'4 The idea seems to be that the selection of Brahma-tantrasvatantra-Jīyar as the pontiff was to receive the acceptance of Rāmānuja's followers and the Vaishnava laity (samayattil-ullār).
- (L. 6) Ivanukku nām mudittapadiyum uduttapadiyum pūśinapadiyum kuduttām-means that the flowers worn by the god, the clothes used by him and the sandal-paste and unguents utilised for his worship were presented to the Jiyar as a mark indicative of the god's love to the recipient. This expression is found used in some inscriptions⁵ and in Vaishnava literature.

As regards Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jiyar, the donee of the record, some information is available from Vaishnava literature. Among the South Indian religions, it was Vaishnavism alone that had developed the 'historical sense' to an appreciable extent, and there are therefore several biographies of the Vaishnava āchāryas available, collated under the names of Vaibhavas and Guruparamparas of varying volume.6 One such work dealing with the life of the great Vaishņava reformer Vēdānta-Dēšika is the Guruparamparā-prabhāvam⁷ in Tamil prose by Tritīya-

¹ Guruparampară-prabhāvam (Tamil, Madras,), p. 114; see also f. n. 3 on p. 319.

³ There were 74 simhāsanādhipatis who were selected. Their names are given in the reply to question No. 24 of the Trimsatpraśnottaram, Palanadaivilakkam, p. 30.

⁴ The following expression from No. 51 of 1938-39 from Śrirangam may be compared—Kodavar kovanavar nam bhattakal . . . nam Rāmānujaṇai-udaiyār nam pāḍuvār, etc.

⁵ Compare No. 567 of 1919 of the Madras Epigraphical collection.

^a There are many biographies of Dēśika available. The Vēdānta-Dēśika-vaibhava-prakāśika by Doddayāchārya is in Sanskrit.

⁷ Published in Madras in several editions. Dvitiya-Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar, the āchārya of the author of this work is said to have written the Pannirayirappadi-Guruparampara-prabhavam, which is not extant.

Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar. Shorn of the few miraculous elements that are inevitable in an orthodox hagiography, this work compiled by an author who lived only a few generations later than Dēśika, may be considered as fairly reliable. From it we gather the following details about Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar, the first of that name, who was a disciple of Vēdānta-Dēśika:

Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar belonged to the Kaundinya-gotra and was originally called Vîravalli Pēraruļāļayyan. Well-versed in all the šāstras, he became an ardent disciple of Dēśika and assumed the samnyāsa garb under the name of Pēraruļāļa-Jīyar. When the Ranganatha temple at Śrīrangam was looted by the Muhammadans in the first quarter of the 14th century, Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar fled along with his āchārya to Satyamangalam (in the Coimbatore District) and returned to Śrīrangam only after some years. He was taught the Bhagarad-vishayam (Ārāyirappadi) by Varadāchārya alias Nayinārāchārya, the son and disciple of Vēdānta-Dēśika, in Kali 4440, Bahudhānya, Āvani, śu. 2, Hasta (=A.D. 1338, August 18). On one occasion, he vanquished a pandit of North India in a polemical contest at Śrīrangam and was honoured by Dēśika with the title of 'Brahma-tantra-svatantra' he who is a master in Brahma-tantra'. That accounts for the origin of the name by which he was popularly known. On another occasion during the régime of Tirumalai-Śrīnivāsāchārya* who had been installed by Dēśika as the Śrīkārya-dhurandhara of the Kāñchīpuram temple, Brahmatantra-svatantra-Jiyar overcame a Kashmirian pandit in a philosophical discussion and earned the title of 'Paryāya-Bhāshyakāra'.3 Some time later under the direction of god Venkatēša in a dream, he accepted the Trusteeship of the Tirupati temple, and during his tenure of office there, he installed an image of Vēdānta-Dēśika in a matha built by him at Tirumala, as well as in a mandapa in the Govindarāja temple at Lower Tirupati. He stayed at Tirupati for a long time expounding the Vaishņava philosophy to his disciples Ghațikāśatakam-Ammāl, Kiḍāmbi-Nayinār, Komāndūr-Āchchān, Pillaiy-Appai, Pēraruļālayyan-Appai, Kandādai-Āndān, Vīravalli-Pillai and others. After his demise he was succeeded by Pēraruļālayyan-Appai. Brahmatantra-svatantra-Jiyar was the author of two small works-the Divyasuri-stutia and the Āchāryāvatāra-ghattārtha.5

Though these biographical details may, in the main, be accepted, a few omissions may be noticed. The Guruparamparā-prabhāvam does not contain a reference to the founding of a matha at Kānchfpuram and to the installation of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar in it as its first pontiff for the propagation of the Rāmānuja-daršanam, as stated in the present record, nor do the Tirupati inscriptions corroborate bis Trusteeship of the Tirupati temple. But these points notwithstanding, Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar of the record under review may be identified with the disciple of

पर्यायभाष्यकाराय प्रणताति विधून्तते । ब्रह्मतन्त्रस्तत्वाय दितीयमञ्जूणे नमः॥

¹ The present record conventionally states that god himself gave the title.

² Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, p. 138. He was the author of a religious work called the Prabandha-nirvāhum.

^{*} A verse composed by Ghatikāśatakam-Ammāl in praise of this Jiyar reads—

The colophon reads—ब्रह्मतन्त्रस्ततन्त्रीतां दियम्बिस्तृति।

^{*} Its colophon rea is - ब्रह्मतलस्त्रतनेण परकालयतीन्द्रमा ।
श्वाचार्योवतारघटार्थे संग्रहेण प्रकायने ॥

Vēdānta-Dēśika, because of the fact that the investiture of this unique title of 'Brahma-tantra-svatantra', herein attributed to the god himself, had been made more than a decade prior to the demise of Dēśika and that this āchārya's name figures in three important 'pontifical lists'.

The matha which was thus started at Kānchīpuram under the pontificate of this Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar in A.D. 1360 grew in importance and appears to have latterly removed its headquarters to Mēlkōte in the Mysore State, where it became popular under the name of the Parakāla-matha³. There were several scholars among the subsequent heads of this matha, and a short sketch of its history has been given in the granth-ōpasamhāra of the Alankāra-manihāra,³ a work on rhetoric composed recently by one of its pontiffs also called Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyar.

At about this time in Šaka 1300 there was in the Varadarāja temple at Kānchīpuram, a minor maṭha called the Vēda-maṭha, which was presided over by a certain Vēdēndrasāgara-śrīpāda and which probably specialised in the teaching of the Vēdas. Another important Vaishṇava maṭha which came into existence in this period was the Ahōbalam-maṭha, whose founder Śrīnivāsa, son of Kiḍāmbi Kēśavāchārya of Tirunārāyaṇapuram, is, according to orthodox tradition, believed to have assumed the Samnyāsāśrama in Śaka 1320 (A.D. 1398) under the name of Ādivaṇ Ṣaṭhakōpa-Jīyar and to have been its first pontiif for a period of sixty years till A.D. 1458.

Vēdānta-Dēśika is stated in the Guruparamparā-prabhāvam to have been the contemporary of a certain Telugu chief named Sarvajña-Śiṅgabhūpāla and to have composed the Subhāshita-nīvī for his delectation. The same chief is said to have honoured Nayiṇārāchārya, the son and disciple of Dēśika, with the gift of a palanquin and other paraphernalia, when this āchārya went to the northern parts in his religious tours. It follows therefore that Brahma-tantra-svatantra was also a contemporary of this Śiṅga. According to the Velugōtivāri-vaṁśāvaļi dealing with the history of the Rēcherla chiefs, there were three chiefs of the name of Śiṅga. Of these, Śiṅga III who came to power in A.D. 1425 had the title of Sarvajña. The author of the work on rhetoric called the Rasārņava-sudhākara was a Śiṅga, son of an Annavōta; and he has been identified with Śiṅga II and has been assigned to about A.D. 1380. There was another earlier Śiṅga I who flourished about this time and was killed by a certain Tammala-Bommayya in A.D. 1360. It is no

1 In this connection the following orthodox three-fold 'lists' may be noted:

(a) Mantrartha-guruparamparā—Emberumāņār, Kidāmbi-Āchchān, Kidāmbi Rāmānuja Appullān, Śrīrangarājar, Appullār, Dēšīkar and Brahma-tantra-svatantrar.

(b) Śribhāshya-guruparamparā—Emberumāņār, Tirukkurugaippirān-Piļļān, Engaļāļvān, Nādādūr-Ammāļ, Appuļļār, Dēśikar and Brahma-tantra-svatantrar.

(c) Bhagavad-vishaya-guruparamparā—Same as in (b), Dēśikar, Nayinārāchāryar and Brahma-tantra-svatantrar.

- * See Palanadaivilakkam, Part II, p. 28.
- 3 Published in the Mysore Sanskrit Series.

⁴ No. 32 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1890—S. I. I., Vol. IV, No. 355.

⁵ Vide Tirupati Dēvasthānam Report (1930), p. 214, where these traditional dates are questioned and are postdated by a cycle of sixty years.

* Guruparamparā-prabhāvam, pp. 120 and 139. Two other works named the Tatvasandēśa and the Rahasya-sandēśa are also stated to have been composed for the same purpose.

⁷ Dr. N. Venkataramanayya, Velugöţivāri-vamsāvaļi, Introduction.

⁸ Vasantarāya, brother of the latter Śinga III, made a gift of four dvārapālaka images to the Varadarāja temple at Kāñchīpuram (No. 683 of 1919) in Śaka 1359.

श्रीमदस्यमण्डलाधीक्वर-प्रतिगण्डभेरव-श्रीयद्ववीतनरेन्द्रनन्दन-भुजवलभीम-श्रीशिङ्गभ्पाल-विरचितं रसार्णवस्याकरं—

10 His date has been discussed in Śringāra-Śrīnāthamu (Telugu) by Prabhākara Śāstrī, p. 179, eto

doubt tempting to identify the author of the Rasārņava-sudhākara, with the chief who honoured the two āchāryas.\(^1\) As Vēdānta-Dēśika is believed to have passed away in A.D. 1370,\(^2\) and as Nayiṇārāchārya had also attained to literary fame before A.D. 1360, their contemporary has been considered to have been Śiṅga I of A.D. 1360, who lived within the life-time of Dēśika but who is not known to have had the title of Sarvajña or more appropriately, Śiṅga II who actually began to rule later, but who may have been a young chieftain at the time of Nayiṇārāchārya's visit administering a portion of the territory in conjunction with his father Anavōta, for whom, however, records up to Śaka 1307 are found.

The existence of one other Śiṅga at this period may also be noted. In the Śrīraṅgam plates of Mummaḍi-Nāyaka³ dated in Śaka 1280, only two years earlier than the date of the present record, it is stated that a village which had been granted by one of the chiefs of Kōrukoṇḍa to a Parāśara-Bhaṭṭa, the seventh of that name, was transferred to the temple of god Raṅganātha by his mother, on the death of the latter without issue. This grant indicates that the Kōrukoṇḍa chiefs were devout Vaishṇavas and that a descendant of the famous Bhaṭṭar family of Śrīraṅgam was honoured by one of them. This Mummaḍi-Nāyaka is stated to have had two younger brothers, one of whom was a Śiṅga who was ruling over a portion of his brother's territory with headquarters at Kōṭipura in the Godavari District. His father was a Kūna. But the chief, to whom Dēśika¹ had dedicated the three works referred to above, is said to have been the son of a Mādhava-Nāyaka. If this is so, he cannot be identified either with the Rēcherla Śiṅga, son of Anavōta, or the Kōrukoṇḍa Śiṅga, son of Kūna. His identity must therefore remain undetermined for the present.

Another point of interest in this epigraph is the reference to a collection of manuscripts (or a library) which was kept in the matha and a stipulation made for its proper upkeep, as envisaged in the expression 'iva tēdina postakangaļum idukku vēndum upakaranangalum'. It is well-known that in the medieval centuries, religious institutions of all denominations, Śaiva, Vaishṇava and Jaina, flourished in South India, either as a result of royal patronage or supported by private benefactions. They appear to have been primarily intended as seminaries for the imparting of religious education and incidentally for the dissemination of secular knowledge as well. The extensive properties granted from time to time to temples and to such religious establishments were left in charge of the heads of these mathas called Mathādhipatis, Mudaliyārs or Jīyars, on whom devolved the duty of supervising the proper conduct of the services for which the endowments had been intended, and who, in turn, enjoyed some privileges as remuneration for their services. Then there were also the Ghatikāsthānas (i.e.) 'establishments for holy and learned men', and smaller educational institutions of which there were many in the land, which were responsible for the intellectual well-being of the community. The munificent donations made for the

¹ Mr. M. Somasekhara Sarma has kindly brought to my notice a reference from Mr. M. Doraswamayya's article in the *Tirumalai Śrī-Venkaţĕśvara*, Vol. I, No. I, pp. 51 ff., wherein Śingabhūpāla, the author, has been assigned to a period before A. D. 1370, on the strength of the fact that the *Rasārnava-sudhākara* has been quoted from by the *Chamatkāra-chandrikā* of Viśvēśvara, which latter is referred to in the *Alankārasudhānidhi* of Bhōganātha of about. A.D. 1370.

² The Sanskrit verses engraved in the Śrīrangam temple eulogising the restoration of the Ranganātha image by Gōpaṇārya, are stated in the *Guruparamparā* to have been composed by Dēśika himself. If so he must have passed away soon after this incident.

² Ante, Vol. XIV, p. 84 and Annual Report on Epigraphy, Madras, for 1913, pp. 129-30.

A Life and Literary Writings of Dēsika, by M. K. Tātāchārya, where the following is quoted-

maintenance of these institutions are recorded in several inscriptions;1 but though no specific references to libraries as such, are found in them, it is, however, reasonable to infer that when these mathas, ghatikās and pāthasālās were functioning properly, they must have been maintaining well-stocked libraries, for the use of the teachers as well as the taught.

The numerous collections of manuscripts which have been found in mathas and other places in South India, bear ample testimony to the fact that the library was a fairly well-recognised institution of medieval religious and student life. But specific references to libraries as such are, as stated already, rather rare in inscriptions. A record of the Western Chāļukya king Trailōkyamalla-Āhavamalla dated in Śaka 980 (=A.D. 1058) from Nāgai² in the Hyderabad State mentions that Dandanatha-Trinetra Madhusudana, a general of the king, received from his master among many other endowments, a gift of land for the maintenance of six Curators called Sarasvatī-Bhandārigas who were placed in charge of the library attached to the college (Ghaṭikāśālā) at Nāgavāviagrahāra, which had several hundred students on its rolls. Another interesting reference to a Sarasvatī-bhaṇḍāra or library is found in a fragmentary epigraph³ engraved on the east wall of the third prākāra in the Ranganātha temple at Śrīrangam in the Trichinopoly District. It is but natural to expect that this temple which is classified as belonging to the uttamottama type, should have been provided with a library as well.4 The record states that in an auxiliary mandapa which accommodated this library, provision was appropriately made for the installation and worship of the images of the three presiding deities of learning-viz., Hayagrīva, Sarasvatī and Vyāsa-Bhagavān, by Pālappaļļi Nīlakantha-Nāyakar. As this person was a contemporary of Hoysala Vīra-Rāmanātha, in whose 14th year inscription⁵ (A.D. 1269) he is mentioned, the library of the Śrīrangam temple was in existence from the middle of the 13th century A.D. A pustakabhāṇḍāra as an adjunct to the Advaitic Śankara-matha at Śringēri in the Mysore State is mentioned in two epigraphs6 from Vantyāla near Perdūru in the South Kanara District, which belong to the early Vijayanagara period. One of them is dated in Saka 1328 in the reign of king Bukka II and registers a gift of land for the maintenance of a certain Puranika Kavi-Krishna-Bhatta, who was the Curator in charge of this library, while the other dated a few years later in Saka 1354 in the reign of king Devaraya II, relates to another gift of land made to the Curator's son Kavi-Śańkara-Bhatta, who evidently succeeded his father in his office.

- Tirumugappadi⁷ [|*] Svasti śri³[*||] Etat=sur-āsur-ādhīśa-mauli-ratna-prabh-āruṇam [|*] Śrīmat-Hastigirīśasya dēvadēvasya śāsanam 6_[||*] Vikāri-samvatsarattu Mēsha-nāyarru pūrvva-pakshattu prathamaiyum Velli-kki lamaiyum
- perra Aśvati-nāļ abhishēka-maṇḍapattu Vīra-Vallāļaṇ-simhāsanattu Ariyeṇavallāṇ-pandalkīl nāmum nam peņḍugaļuḍaṇ Śaṭakōpaṇ-pāṭṭu-kkēļāniṛka nam vīḍu³ karumam kētkum

¹ Several inscriptions relate to the provision made for the maintenance of such educational institutions, notable among them being those copied from Ennäyiram in the South Arcot District (No. 333 of 1917 of the Madras Epigraphical collection), Kāvanūr (An. Rep. on S. I. Epigraphy for 1933, Part II, para. 35), etc.

² The Inscriptions of Nagai (Hyderabad Archl. Series, No. 8), p. 7.

³ No. 139 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1938-39.

⁴ In this connection it may be mentioned that the Paushkara-Samhitā (published at Mēlkōte, Mysore, 1934), one of the three authoritative works of the Pancharatra school, has a chapter entitled 'Jnana-pratishthanam', giving rules for the formation of a library in a temple. This reference was brought to my notice by Mr. S. Parthasarathi Ayyangar of the Devasthanam Library at Śrīrangam.

⁵ No. 4 of the Madras Epigraphical collection for 1937-38.

⁶ Nos. 283 and 284 of the same collection for 1936-37.

⁷ This word is written below 'Svasti śri' in slightly smaller characters.

^{*} Svasti Śrī and several other Sanskrit words are engraved in Grantha characters.

May also be corrected into nam vittu karumam.

- 3 Perumāļtātaņum nam bhaṭṭa[r*]kaļum śolla-kkēṭṭu Brahma-tantra-svatantrajJīyaṇ¹ eṇru nām pēr-kuḍutta Vaishṇavadāsaṇukku nām kuḍuttapaḍi [|*] Ivaṇukku uṇḍāna maṭhamum maṭhattai nōkki
- 4 varum kshētramum samārādhanamum adukku vēņdum muttukkaļum ivan tēdina postakangaļum idukku vēņdum upakaraņangaļum nam Rāmānujan-darsanam nadakkaikkāga ivanukku
- 5 pinbum ivan niyamitta ivanudaiya sishyargal paramparaiy=āga ivaiyirrai-kkaikkondu nadatti-ppōdakkadavargal=āgavum [|*] Ivanai nam Rāmānujam-udaiyārum nam samayattil uļļārum² kai-
- 6 kkondu nadatti-ppōda-chchonnōm [|*] I-chcheydiyai=kkallilum sembilum veṭṭikkollumbadi ivanukku nām mudittapadiyum uduttapadiyum pūsinapadiyum kuduttōm a Ippadikku-
- 7 ttiruvāy-malarnd=aruļiņapaḍikku kōyil-kkaṇakku Pēraruļāļapriyan eļuttu ௳ I-ttirumugam eļudina Śakābdam āyirattu iru-nūrru eņbattu-iraṇḍ=āvadu ௳

TRANSLATION.

This is according to the sacred order.

Hail! Prosperity!

This is the order of the glorious Lord of Hastigiri, the god of gods, which is red with the brilliance of the gems in the diadems of the (supplicating) lords of the celestials and of the Asuras:

"In the month of Mēsha of the (cyclic) year Vikārin, on a Friday with prathamā-tithi of the first fortnight and Aśvati-nakhshatra, while We, in company with Our consorts, were listening to the songs of Śaṭhakōpa, seated on the throne (named) Vīravallāļan under the canopy (called) Ariyenavallān in the abhishēka-mandapa (of the temple)—

on the representation (made) by Perumāļtātan, who supervises the (sacred) business of Our temple (nam vidu), and by Our Bhattas, We were pleased to assign to a Vaishnavadāsa on whom we had bestowed the name of Brahma-tantra-svatantra-Jīyan, the matha which had been set apart for him, the lands belonging thereto, the worship to be conducted therein and the expenses therefor, the books which he had accumulated and the accessories required for them (i.e., their maintenance), so that he may propagate Our Rāmānuja-daršanam, and after him, the disciples selected by him may, in succession, take possession of these and continue (the work).

We directed that the followers of Rāmānuja (Rāmānujam-udaiyār) and those of our Vaish-nava samayam shall accept him (i.e., his pontificate) and carry on (the work).

We also ordered that this information be engraved on stone and copper, and We presented him (in token of Our regard) what had been used (as garlands), what had been worn (as clothes), and what had been anointed (as unquents) by Us."

As thus graciously commanded (by the god), this is the writing (or signature) of the temple-accountant Pēraruļāļapriyan.

The Saka year in which this sacred order was written (engraved) is One thousand two hundred and eighty-two.

¹ Read -svatantra-Jiyan.

² Engraved below the line.

No. 35.-KASYAPA IMAGE INSCRIPTION FROM SILAO.

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It was early in the year 1935 that the late Babu Puran Chand Nahar of Calcutta, a well-known Jain antiquarian, kindly placed at my disposal a couple of inked estampages of the sub-joined inscription for decipherment and publication. He informed me that the inscription appears on a stone pedestal which is in the possession of Babu Bhagwan Das of Silao¹ in the Bihar subdivision of the Patna District. This gentleman, I understand, owns a collection of antiquities. He could not tell the exact provenance of the present piece, as the collection had existed in the family from before his time and is apparently not properly enlisted. Considering, however, that Silao is situated between the famous archæological sites of Nālandā and Rājagriha, it is probable that the find hailed from one of these two places. But, as will be shown below,² it is more likely that the piece belonged to Silao itself.

From the estampages supplied by Babu Puran Chand, I could read a considerable part of the epigraph. For its complete decipherment, however, an examination of the original or, at least, a set of better impressions was essential. During the summer of that very year, I had occasion to visit Silao, but unfortunately I then missed Babu Bhagwan Das there. Consequently I had to go disappointed without seeing either his collection or the inscribed pedestal in question.

About two years later, Mr. J. K. Roy, the then Custodian of Nalanda Museum and Monuments, at my request, got a fresh set of impressions prepared, which he kindly sent to me along with his description of the sculptured piece. In December 1939, Mr. Amalananda Ghosh, Assistant Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Central Circle, Patna, further obliged me by furnishing me with two photographs of the damaged sculpture and three impressions, on thin paper, of its inscription. The new material enabled me to read the inscription almost entirely.

As may be seen from the accompanying photographic reproduction, the pedestal is elliptical in shape and has, in its centre, a remnant of the kneeling statue, carved in the round, which once surmounted it. The pedestal stands 9" high, and measures 20" at its longest and 141 at its broadest. The extant portion of the figure shows that it represented a person seated in the attitude that is technically called alidhasana. The symmetrical lines seen on its right leg suggest folds of the dhoti or the lower garment. Further, the pedestal has, at its bottom, a tenon, about 6" long and 4" wide, which shows that the present sculpture was placed on a larger pedestal by the side of some other statue or statues. This is borne out also by the posture of the present image, as judged from its surviving portion. The posture recalls to one's mind certain representations of Garuda, Vishņu's vāhana, depicted as offering worship with folded hands or waiting on his master. In the present instance, however, the figure represented, as is disclosed by the inscription, not Garuda but Kāśyapa who, as will presently be shown, was a famous disciple of the Buddha. We may thus conclude that the present image, representing Kāsyapa in worshipful attitude, was criginally installed next to the statue of his teacher, Gautama Buddha, in a shrine or a sanctuary somewhere near the modern village of Silao.

The pedestal is partitioned into two by an inward curve. The inscription runs along the upper band and consists of three lines, each measuring about 21" in length. It is

¹ Silao is a railway station on the Bukhtiarpur-Behar Light Railway section of East Indian Railway.

P See below p. 331.

slightly weather-worn, especially on the right-hand extremity where a few letters in the first line I have not been able to make out. Again, due to erosion, parts of letters and signs of superscript $r\bar{e}pha$ have, at certain places, been rendered obscure. In most cases, however, they can be made out from the moulds on the back of an estampage. The average size of the letters is $\frac{8}{3}$ ".

The characters belong to the northern class of alphabets. Kielhorn described this type as "the Magadha variety of the Nāgarī alphabet", while some other scholars more appropriately call it "the Eastern variety of Nāgarī". The script of the present record bears a close resemblance to that used in the Ghōsrāwā inscription of the time of the Pāla king Dēvapāladēva who reigned from c. A.D. 801 to c. A.D. 840. In view of this consideration, the present inscription, which neither bears a date nor mentions any ruler's name, may be placed in the first half of the ninth century A.D.

The language of the record is Sanskrit and its composition is entirely in verse, all the three stanzas forming but one sentence. The following points are worthy of note in respect of crthography, a consonant followed by a r is very often reduplicated, s is used for s in yas=cha, l. 2 and gūas=cha, l. 3, and v is used for b in Vauddha, l. 3. The sign of avagraha appears twice. Grammatically, the form amit-ardhau, l. 1, is wrong. As an adjective of kulē, it ought to be amit-ardhin. Similarly the use of the feminine gender in the word ādi in sviya samhāţik-ādīr, l. 3, is incorrect. In a compound like the present one, it should ordinarily be treated in the neuter gender. The exact sense of the expression yānti dvaidham, l. 2, in the given context is not clear to me, though I have rendered it as 'vie with one another's. Of lexicographical interest are the terms purasa, l. 2, and samhāţikā, l. 3. The former in all probability is meant to be an equivalent of puraṭa which is equally of rare occurrence and means 'gold'. The latter appears here as a synonym of samghāṭī or samghāṭikā which is peculiar to Buddhist terminology and denotes 'one of the three robes of a monk' (tri-chīvara).

As regards contents, the inscription is virtually a label to the image which once surmounted the pedestal, giving in a compendious form a laudatory account of the deity represented. The deity or the deified personage, as is disclosed by the inscription, was Kāśyapa.

This Kāśyapa is no other than the Buddha's favourite disciple Kāśyapa or Mahā-Kāśyapa who is reputed to have convened the First Buddhist Council' at Rājagriha three months after the parinirvāṇa of the Master. Even during the Buddha's lifetime Kāśyapa had become a foremost Arhat. It is perhaps on account of his playing such a preminent part in preserving and expounding the Lord's teachings that he has been accorded such an exalted rank as to be deified. In the Mahāyāna Buddhist iconography he has been confused with a previous Buddha, called Kāśyapa. There he figures as the sixth Mānushi-Buddha of the group of seven.⁵ There is hardly any Buddhistic treatise wherein some

¹ Above, Vol. IV, p. 244.

² Compare, for instance, the late Mr. N. G. Majumdar's remarks in Monographs of the Varendra Research Society No. 1 (Nalanda copper-plate of Devapaladeva), p. 2.

² Ind. Ant., Vol. XVII, pp. 307 ff. and plate.

⁴ H. C. Ray, Dynastic History of Northern India, Vol. I, p. 379.

^{*} See below p 334, n. 1.

⁶ Childers, Dictionary of the Pali Language, under the word samphats.

⁷ Jean Przyluski, Le Concile de Rajagrha, pp. 8, 30, etc.; R. C. Majumdar Buddhist Councils in

^{*} Alice Getty, Gods of Northern Buddhism p. 15; Benoytosh Bhattacharyya, Indian Buddhist Leonography, p. 10.

account of Kāsyapa may not be met with. We have, however, certain references in literature, which are of great value to us inasmuch as they not only bear out the information imparted by our inscription but also supplement it. It will, therefore, be interesting to cite them here.

The events narrated in the inscription evidently follow the order of their sequence. It may further be observed that each of the nine attributive clauses refers to one distinct happening connected with Kāśyapa's life. To sum up the whole, Kāśyapa (1) occupied the position of Surapati for seven times successively in some of his former births, (2) was born on this earth in a wealthy family, (3)1?, (4) renounced the world, forsaking his wife Kāpilēyā, (5) showed sympathy with the wretched, so much so that it excited the admiration of the gods, (6) worshipped the Lord with intense piety, (7) received the Lord's robe at the time of the latter's nirvāna, (8) expounded the Law2 and finally (9) attained nirvāna on the mount Gurupada.

In literature, it is the later Pāli works like various Atthakathās that furnish us with a somewhat detailed narrative of Kāśyapa's a early life, which may be summarised as follows: "His boyhood's name was Pippalī Māṇavaka". He was born to a wealthy Brāhmaṇa of the Kapila gotra at the village of Mahātittha (Mahātīrtha) in Magadha. From the very beginning he was averse to worldly life. He would look after his parents so long as they lived and afterwards turn a monk. But when he came of age, his parents exhorted him to marry. He refused to do so. However, when his mother persistently remonstrated with him on this point, he devised means by which, he thought, he would have his way and, at the same time, would not incur his mother's displeasure. He got an image of a young lady of supernatural beauty fashioned of pure gold, bedecked with glittering jewels and daintily clad in red. He presented the image to his mother, declaring that if he were to have a bride of that form, he would fain go in for wedlock. He had fancied that neither would such a paragon of beauty be forthcoming, nor would he marry. This, however, did not dishearten his mother. She rather imagined that her son was very fortunate and that he must have done meritorious deeds in his former births, not alone but in company with a lady of golden hue (suvarna-varnā). She, therefore, at once called in a council of eight Brahmanas, handed over the gold idol to them and charged them with the duty of finding out a damsel of the requisite beauty to be the bride of her son. The Brahmanas mounted the idol on a chariot and set out on their mission. They travelled far and wide until at last they reached the city of Sagala4 in the Madra dēśa, where they found a girl who in grace and charm far excelled the gold image, not to speak of resembling

¹ Owing to the portion left unread here, it is not clear what event was described in this sentence.

²This obviously adverts to the occasion of the First Buddhist Council which was held at Rajagriha,

convened and presided over by Kāśyapa.

³ It will be clear from Dr. G. P. Malalasekera's Dictionary of Pali Proper Names that the Buddhist literature knows of numerous personages bearing the name Kāśyapa or Mahā-Kāśyapa. A fairly exhaustive description of the Kāśyapa of our record is given in that work under Maha Kassapa Thera (Vol. II, pp. 476-483), which winds up with the remark that "Maha Kassapa was so called to distinguish him from other Kassapas, and also because he was possessed of great virtues".

^{*} Sāgala or Śākala has been identified with Sialkot in the Punjab. See Cunningham's Ancient Geography of India, edited by S. Majumdar Sastri (1924), pp. 686 f.; N. L. Dey, Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediaeval India, pp. 173 f.; B. C. Law, Geography of Early Buddhism, pp. 53 f. The country of the Madras lay between the Ravi and the Chinab; see N. L. Dey, op. cit. p. 116.

it. She was Bhadra Kapilayani, daughter of an equally well-to-do Brahmana of the Kausika götra. She shared the propensities of Pippali Manavaka, like him not caring for connubial felicity. Finally, however, their marriage was settled in spite of them. They married, but did not lead a married life. An opportunity offered itself and they forsook each other, renounced all and turned ascetics.

"Pippali Māṇavaka, with a single robe on and a bowl in hand, left home in quest of the Buddha. He saw the Lord seated under a bodhi tree called Bahuputraka somewhere between Rājagriha and Nālandā. It was there that he received his ordination (upasampadā) from the Lord. Later on Pippali Māṇavaka, now Kāšyapa, presented his silken sanāghāţī to the Master and accepted with alacrity from the latter his coarse and threadbare robe in exchange. So ardent was Kāšyapa's faith that he attained the position of an Arhat only a week after his ordination."

Aśvaghōsha has also left us a brief sketch of Kāśyapa. Therein Kāśyapa is said to be Rājādi-gēhākhya-dēši which compound Cowell translates as 'an inhabitant of Rājagēha'. We have just learnt from the Athakathās that Kāśyapa hailed from a village called Mahātittha in Magadha. In the light of this information we may explain the above expression more precisely as 'an inhabitant of the country named Rājagēha'. We know that Rājagriha was then the capital of Magadha. And in the present instance the country is denoted simply by the name of its capital, which practice has not been uncommon. In this way Aśvaghōsha's statement on the point of Kāśyapa's native land is not at variance with the information contained in the Athakathās. Again, according to Aśvaghōsha's description, Kāśyapa had performed six years' hard penance before he met the Master.

Aśvaghōsha does not allude to Kāśyapa's marriage with Bhadrā Kāpilāyanī, which event is, however, confirmed by references in certain stories of the Buddha's former births. Thus in the Asātamasta Jātaka, the Lord identifies the characters of that story in the following manner: "Kāpilāni was the mother of those days, Mahā-Kassapa was the father, Ānanda the pupil, and I myself the teacher". Similarly in the Hatthipāla Jātaka, the chaplain was Kassapa and his wife was Bhaddakāpilāni." Again, in the Sāma Jātaka, the father was Kassapa and the mother Bhaddakāpilāni.

The name Köpilayani (or Kapilani or Köpilani as we shall have it later) is apparently derived from Kapila, which, as we know from the Apadosa (P. T. S. edition, p. 583, serse 57), was Bhadra's father's name. The same source gives her mother's name as Suchimati. A detailed account of her also is found in Dr. G. P. Mahalasekera's Dictionary of Pali Proper Names under Bhadda Kāpilāni Theri (Vol. II, pp. 354-55).

This summary is extracted from an account of Knatyurpa-summydea, which is given by Mahapandite Tripitakāchārya Rāhula Sāmkrityāyana in his Ruddhacharyyā (Hindi), pp. 41 ff., and which in its turn is based upon the following works: Therapatha Atthabatha 30; Samyu.ta-Nikhya Atthabathā, 15, 1, 11; Asguttara-Nikhya Atthabathā 1.1.4.

*शः B. Cowell's edition of Aśraghösha's Buddhackarita, XVII, 12: विक: काम्यपाच्यी धने यसराजी गृश्वेदिवशाम राजादिशेशास्त्रशिक्षी स्वितः () पटं वैकवास्य समाधाय समान् विद्यायानकापिस् (०सं १) वीधिमीएम्: । यदा वोधितवादिकांऽसी सुनारसपः प्राचरदुःकरं तत् पढन्दं सद्दाव्या तत्रोऽदात वीधि मुनीन्द्रं समर्था(समर्था) सवकाम्यपाउसी यतीकोऽसेतामदग्रमाः ॥

^{*} Sacred Books of the East, Vol. XLIX, part i, p. 193 f.

^{*}Compare such cases as Avanti and Kafield.

a V. Fausboll's edition of The Jataka, No. 61.

Translation of The Jataba, Vol. I, p. 150.

^{*} The Jataka, No. 509. Translation, Vol. IV. p. 304.

The Jataka, No. 540. Translation, Vol. VI, p. 52.

It may at once be recognised that Kāpilānī and Bhaddakāpilānī of the Jātakas and the Atthakathās, and Kāpilēyā of the present inscription are but variants of one and the same name and refer likewise to one and the same person, namely Kāśyapa's wife.

It may parenthetically be pointed out that according to the Atthakathās it was, as noted above, somewhere between Rajagriha and Nalanda that Kasyapa's first meeting with the Lord took place. That position almost corresponds to the modern village of Silao. May we then suppose that the statue of Kāśyapa was set up there in order to sanctify the spot and thereby to commemorate the first meeting? In that case, the find-spot of the inscribed pedestal under discussion, as has already been hinted, must be Silao.

Now if we compare the above descriptions with the account given in our inscription, we shall find that most of the details do agree. There are, however, certain points which it has not been possible for me to corroborate by literary references. In the first place, Kāśyapa is stated to have acted as Indra for seven terms on end. He must have attained such a distinction as a reward for highly meritorious deeds on his part; but I have not been able to find any mention of this fact in literature. We are told that Gautama Buddha himself was Sakra in twenty of his antecedent births, that there is a Sakra in every chakravāla and that the office of Sakra, which is in fact the sovereignty of the Tāvatimsa angels, is held only for a limited period by the same individual.1 It is said of Kāśyapa that 'he bestowed his favours only on the poor',2 which sentiment is echoed in dīn-ānāth-ānugata-manasah of our inscription, 1. 2.

We further learn from the inscription that the Buddha, while entering nirvana, gave away his sainghātī and other things to Kāśyapa. I could not find this event related in any of the Buddhist canonical works. All that we know in this connection is this, as we have noticed above, that the Lord and Kāśyapa exchanged their samghāţīs shortly after their first meeting. However, the information from the Chinese sources in this regard is in perfect agreement with the account of our inscription. According to that, Tahtagata, on the point of attaining nirvana, addressed Kāśyapa and said inter alia: "The golden-tissued Kashāya robe given me by my foster-mother I bid you keep and deliver to Maitreya when he has completed the condition of Buddha."3

Finally we come to the nirvāna of Kāśyapa himself, which is stated to have taken place on the mount Gurupada. Here, too, the Chinese record is in full concord.4 In the Divyavadanamālā,5 the name of the mountain is given as Gurupādaka, while elsewhere it is also called Kukkutapāda.6 The identification of this hill had long been a subject of keen controversy among such eminent scholars as Cunningham, Beal and Stein until at last the late Mr. R. D. Banerji brought the issue to a successful close by offering a thoroughly satisfactory solution. Cunningham contended that three bare and rugged hills in the vicinity of Kurkihār, 16 miles to the east of Gaya, represent the Kukkutapadagiri, taking the name Kurkihar to be a contraction of Kukkuļa-vihāra or Kukkuļapāda-vihāra and, at the same time, presuming a connection between this last and the Kukkutapada-giri.7 Beal had his objections to this identification, for, to him

¹ See R. C. Childers' Dictionary of the Pali Language under the word SAKKO (Sakra), p. 419.

²G. P. Malalasekera, Dictionary of Pali Proper Names, Vol. II, p. 481.

³S. Beal, Si-Yu-Ki (Buddhist Records of the Western World), Vol. II, 143. The Tibetan version records that Mahākāsyapa 'changed the garments which enshrouded the Blessed one for others from his store'. W. W. Rockhill, Life of the Buddha, p. 144.

⁴ Ibid. p. 242.

S Cowell's edition, p. 61; and Rajendralala Mitra, The Sanskrit Buddhist Literature of Nepal, p. 308

⁶ Beal, op. cit. p. 142; Beal, Travels of Fah-Hian and Sung-Yun, p. 132; H. Kern, Masual of Indian Buddhism, p. 89; Rockhill, Life of the Buddha, p. 161.

⁷ Reports A. S. I., Vol. I, pp. 14-16, Vol. XV, pp. 4-6.

the location did not agree with the accounts of the Chinese travellers. Moreover, he has emphatically pointed out that the Kukkuṭarāma or Kukkuṭa-vihāra must not be confounded with the Kukkuṭapāda-giri.¹ Stein had occasion to visit this part of the country in the winter of 1899, and, with a view to arriving at a definite opinion regarding the identification, he made a thorough survey. After a close examination he came to the conclusion that the Kukkuṭapāda-giri or Gurupāda-giri is represented by the Sōbhnāth hill, a part of the Maher hill, in the district of Gayā.² Stein's identification met Beal's objections to some extent, but was not totally convincing. Finally Banerji investigated the matter further, and conclusively proved that the modern representative of the Gurupāda-giri is to be found in the Gurpā hill in the district of Gayā.² This identification is warranted not only by the name Gurpā being phonetically a corrupt form of the Gurupāda itself, but also because it satisfies all other considerations, as detailed by the author. Nevertheless, some scholars even now, knowingly or unknowingly, adhere to Cunningham's discarded identification of the Kukkuṭapāda mountain with Kurkihār.²

Judging from the description of the pedestal as well as from the nature of the inscription on it, the statue of Kāsyapa in question must have been one of considerable artistic merit, typifying the art of the Pala period. It is greatly to be regretted that the major portion of the statue itself is not forthcoming. It would have been a unique specimen inasmuch as the known sculptural representations of Kasyapa are few. In fact, so far as I know, we do not have a single entire piece of this kind. At Bishanpur in the Gaya district, Beglar noticed one image of Kāsyapa. "On a small bas-relief", so runs his description, "representing a figure seated cross-legged in Buddha fashion is inscribed Ye Dharmma Rasi Maha Kasyapa (sic.); this statue is clearly therefore one, of the venerable president of the first synod, and is the only one I have seen or heard of, of one of Buddha's disciples." The present whereabouts of this statue are not known. Even in 1899, when Stein visited Bishanpur, he found it missing, for he writes: "I was, however, unable to trace the small bas-relief, which is mentioned by Mr. Beglar as bearing a short inscription with the name of Mahākāsyapa," It may in passing be pointed out that plastic representations even of the Kāsyapa Buddha, who, as has been shown above, is sometimes mixed up with the Maha-Kasyapa, are equally rare. The Curzon Museum of Archeology at Muttra has recently acquired an image of the Kasyapa Buddha, carved in the round, standing on an inscribed pedestal; but the upper half of it is missing. It belongs to the Kushana period. The preserved part, from the girdle downwards, shows it wearing a dhôti, a mēkhalā and a scarf."

¹ See his Travels of Fah-Hian and Sung-Yun, p. 132 n.; Ind. Aut., Vol. XII, p. 327 f., and his Si-Yu-Ki (Buddhist Records of the Western World), Vol. II, p. 95 and n. 32, p. 142 and n. 14.

^{*} Ind. Ant., Vol. XXX, p. 88.

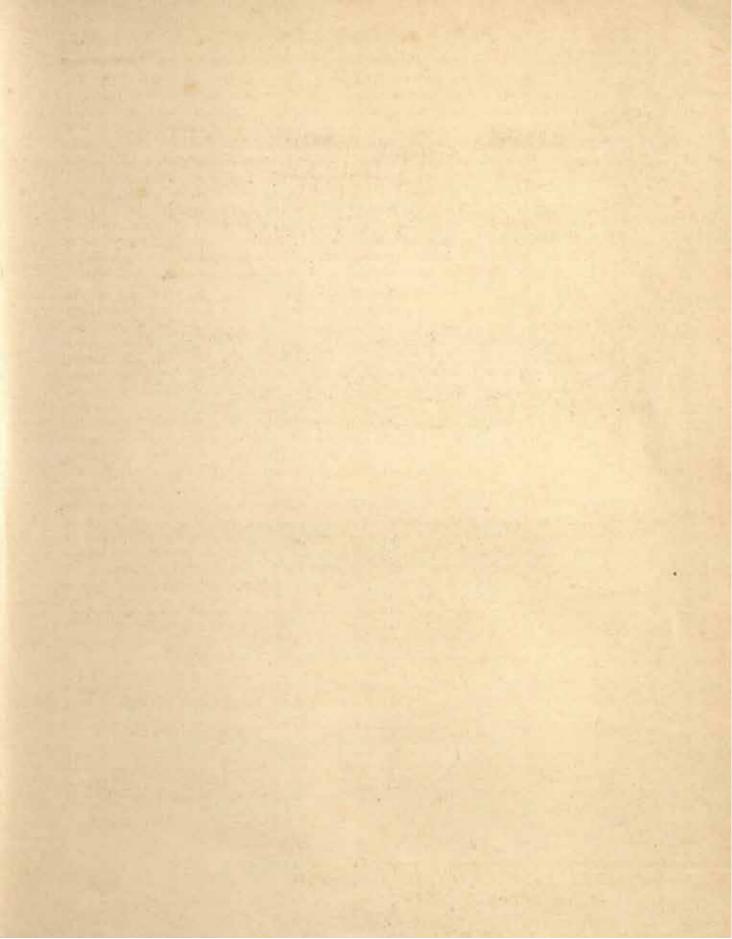
J.A.S.B., Vol. H (1902), pp. 77-93.

With regard to the identification of the Gurupāda-giri, the reader is also referred to Cunnigham's Anciest Geography of India, edited by S. Majumdar Sastri (1924), pp. 526 ff. and pp. 720 f.; and to N. I., Dey's Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Medieral India, under Gurupāda-giri, Kukktapāda-giri, Gurpā-Hill, Kurkihar

^{*} See for instance B. C. Law's Enjogrika in Ancient Literature (Memoirs of the A. S. I., No. 58), p. 17, Cunningham's Reports A. S. I., Vol. VII. p. 105.

⁷ Ind. Ant., Vol. XXX, p. 90.

The image is fully described and the inscription is edited by Mr. V. S. Agrawala in the Journal of the United Provinces Historical Society, December 1937, pp. 35-38 with Plates; and in the Annual Report on the Curron Museum of Archaeology, Muttru, for the year ending 31st March 1938, pp. 2, 6, with Plate.

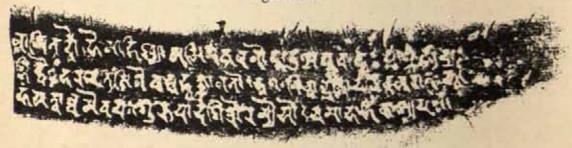


KASYAPA IMAGE INSCRIPTION FROM SILAO.

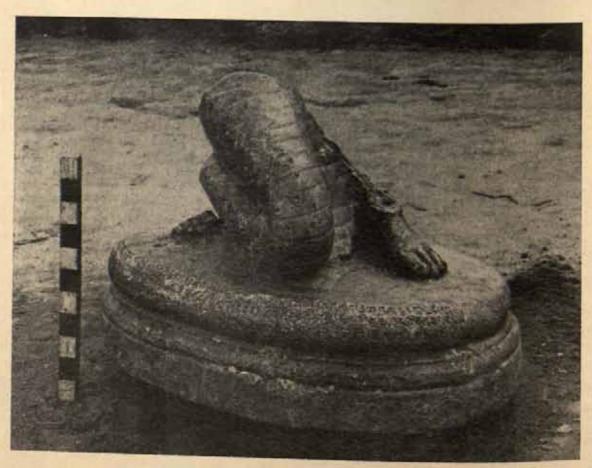
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SCALE: ABOUT ONE-HALF.



Hiuen Tsiang, the celebrated Chinese pilgrim, informs us of the existence of an image of the Kāśyapa Buddha enshrined in a vihāra to the north-west of the Bodhi tree at Bodh-Gaya. "It is noted for its miraculous and sacred qualities. From time to time it emits a glorious light.1" There is presumably a reference to this representation of Kāsyapa in the Bodh-Gayā inscription of Mahānāman, wherein homage is paid, in the beginning*, first to Sākyaikabandhu (i.e. Gautama Buddha) and then to Mahā-Kāśyapa, assuming that Hiuen Tsiang, too, meant 'an image of Mahā-Kāsyapa' when he said 'an image of the Kāśyapa Buddha'. Among the ruins at Bōdh-Gayā, Cunningham has identified the remains of the aforesaid vihāra3, while the image is not to be found at all.

There are, however, a good few sculptures which represent the group of seven or eight Mortal Buddhas, wherein the Kasyapa Buddha figures as the sixth. In the Indian Museum at Calcutta we have a stone pillar from Bharaut, depicting his distinguishing bodhi trees, which is nyagrodha (Ficus Indica).

Here I may gratefully record that to Dr. N. P. Chakravarti I owe some useful references and suggestions, especially with regard to the identity of Kāśyapa.

[Metres: vv. 1,2 Mandākrāntā; v. 3 Anushtubh.]

- 1 सिडम्8 [1*] निर्विच्छेदं सुरपतिरभूत्मप्त वारान् पुरा य: प्राप्तं मर्त्ये समहति कुली जन्म येनामितर्दी 1 हिमाभिख्यामिमतजवनो - U - -प्रावाजीदाः
- 2 पुरसवपुषं कापिलेयां विचाय ॥[१॥*] दीनानाथानुगतमनसो यस्य नत्यान्यदेवा यान्ति दैधं भगवति जिने यस्च(य) भक्त्या नतोऽभूत् । निर्व्वान्प्रादादिप च सुगत: स्वी-
- 3 यसंचाटिकादीर यसी वी(बी) इप्रवचनविदा येन गीतस्च(ख) धर्माः ॥[२॥*] निर्हतः खमधिष्ठाय देहं सत्वा(च्वा)र्थमेव यः । गुरुपादे गिरी रम्ये¹² सोऽयमाभाति काश्यपः ॥[३॥*]

i Beal's Si-Yu-Ki, Vol. II, p. 124.

² Fleet's Gupta Inscriptions (C. I. I., Vol. III), pp. 276 f.

³ Cunningham, Mahābodhi, p. 36.

⁴ These are: Vipaśyin, Sikhi, Viśvabhū, Krakuchchhanda, Kanakamuni, Kāśyapa, Śākyasimba and Maitreya. The last one does not usually appear in this group. B. Bhattacharyya, Indian Buddhist Icono-⁶ Ibid. and J. Ph. Vogel, Catalogue of the Archwological Museum at Mathura, I, 7 and I. 37, and pp. 135 and 139

⁸ Lüders, List of Brahmi Inscriptions, No. 760.

Expressed by a symbol. This may also indicate siddhir-astu. The same symbol is explained to represent om which would be less appropriate in a Buddhistic record like the present one. The various interpretation of this sign is discussed above, Vol. XVII, p. 352. This sign cannot but be a mute n, though it looks more like a final r as found in -ādīr in 1. 3 below.

¹⁰ The superscript r here is not well marked.

¹¹ The grammatically correct form should be amit-arddhini, unless the word kula, which it qualifies, be taken

¹² This adverbial clause Gurupādē girau ramyē apparently goes with the following words so-'yamhere to be in the masculine gender. abhati Kasyapab, but in reality it is connected with the preceding portion nirvritab, etc.,

TRANSLATION.

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- (V.1) Who had formerly remained the Lord of Gods for seven terms without intermission; who attained birth in a highly noble and immensely prosperous family of mortals; who, being possessed of unbounded speed, the brilliancy of gold; who turned a recluse, forsaking (his wife) Kāpilēyā of golden form;
- (V.2) Other deities in paying reverence to whom—his heart going out to the distressed and the desolate—vie with one another¹; and who revered Lord Jina (the Buddha) with devotion; and further, on whom Sugata (the Buddha), while entering nirvāṇa, bestowed his samhāṭikā and the rest; and who, being an exponent of the Buddhist doctrines, expounded the Law;
- (V.3) Who, after having assumed his (human) form solely for the sake of (delivering the mortal) beings, entered nirvāņa on the charming hill of Gurupāda; the very same Kāśyapa shines forth here.

No. 36.—A BRONZE IMAGE INSCRIPTION FROM NALANDA. By A. Ghosh, M.A., Patna.

The following inscription is engraved on the back of a bronze image of Balarāma, excavated in 1917-18 out of the northern verandah of Monastery Site No. 1 at Nālandā. The image is now in the Archæological Museum at Nālandā and bears the register number S. 1-442.

The characters of the inscription belong to the eastern variety and may be ascribed to the ninth century A.D.; they have much similarity with those of the Nālandā copper-plate of Dēvapāla.² In fact, the inscription may well belong to the reign of the Pāla king Dēvapāla (c. A.D. 815-854), who is mentioned in the text of the inscription. As is common in the inscriptions of this age, the medial \bar{e} is written both as a superscript oblique line and as a short stroke attached to the left limb of the respective letter. The medial \bar{e} is denoted by a combination of both these signs. There are some obvious grammatical and orthographical mistakes in the inscription.

The inscription records the dedication of the image at Nālandā în the Dēvapāladēvahatta, or 'the mart of Dēvapāladēva', by Nisingha(?)kā, the wife (?) of Šōujjēka. There is
epigraphic evidence of the existence of other hattas at Nālandā; for example, the inscription
on a stone image of Avalōkitēśvara, now housed in the modern Sūrya temple at Bargāon near
the excavated site of Nālandā, contains a reference to a tala-hatta, the meaning of which is
not clear.³

¹ This rendering may now be accepted as exact. After I had prepared this essay, I chanced to read a passage, in a similar context, in Mahā Kassapa's account given by Dr. G. P. Malalasekera in his Dictionary of Pāli Proper Names (Vol. II, p. 481), which has confirmed the above explanation. The passage in question reads: 'Owing to his great saintliness, even the gods yied with each other to give alms to Kassapa.'

² Above, Vol. XVII, p. 310.

³ The inscription, which is still unpublished, seems to read as follows:—siddham (expressed by a symbol) srī-Nālandā-talahatakē dē[ya*]dharmō='yam Śaudāmūkē śrī(?)-Va-putrēnah ||

The inscription shows that a hatta was founded at Nalanda by Devapala, or, at any rate, was named after him. The connexions of Devapala with Nalanda are attested to by other inscriptions as well. Thus, the Nalanda copper-plate referred to above records the munificence of that king in favour of Nalanda at the request of the mahārāja Bālaputradēva of Suvarņadvīpa (Sumatra). Further, the Ghosrawan1 inscription acquaints us with the fact that Devapala appointed a monk named Viradēva to look after Nālandā.

Another word in the inscription worthy of notice is Malaporasya, occurring at the beginning of the second line; neither its meaning nor its proper position in the syntax is clear. It is interesting to note, however, that a similar word Mallaporasya occurs in a dedicatory inscription on a bronze image found at Kurkihār (District Gayā), also belonging to the reign of Dēvapāla.2 It is tempting no doubt to regard the word as an incorrect derivative of Mallapura, and to take it to mean 'a resident of Mallapura'.3 But this meaning is hardly possible in the Kurkihār inscription, though it may suit the present record.

TEXT.

- 1 Siddham4 śrī-Nālandāya śri-Dēvapāladēva-hattē
- 2 Malapõrasya Šõujjēkasya⁵ vadū(dhū?)-Nisingha(?)-
- 3 kāya dēva-dharmmaya pratīpādittah 6 ||

No. 37.-A NOTE ON THE PANCHADHARALA PILLAR INSCRIPTION OF KING VISVESVARA.

By M. Somasekhara Sarma, Waltair

In Epigraphia Indica, Vol. XIX, pp. 164 ff., the Dharmalingesvara temple inscription at Panchadharala was ably edited by Dr. J. Nobel of the Berlin University. This inscription belongs to the Eastern Chālukya king Viśvēśvara, who ruled the territory around Panchadhārala in the Yellamanchili taluk of the Vizagapatam District. Vinnakota Peddana was his court-poet. He dedicated his Kāvyālankāra-chūdāmani, a poetical work on rhetoric in Telugu, to his patron. Both the date of king Visvesvara and the date of composition of the Kāvyālankāra-chūdāmani had not been known definitely, so far. The inscription under discussion settles these dates satisfactorily.

The inscription records the construction of a mandapa in the Dharmalingesvara temple at Pañchadhārāpurī in Śaka 1329 (Śākābdē Nava-Bhānu-Rāma-Śasi-sankhyātē) or A. D. 1407,

¹ Maitra, Gaudalekhamala, p. 45.

² This image, along with the other antiquities found at Kurkihār, is now in the Patna Museum. The full meaning of the inscription is not clear, but the relevant portion may be quoted here :-- sri-Devapuladevarājyē samvat 19..... malla-chchhandakam Mallaporasya pratipāditah.

Mallapura or Mallapura is given in the St. Petersburg Dictionary, Vol. V, pp. 602-3, as a place-name. Cf. Malla, the name of a well-known tribe.

^{*} Expressed by a symbol. Is the word to be corrected to Sauryyakusya ? [The reading seems to be Schajjekasya, _ B C. C.]

⁵ Read Nisingha(?)kayā dēya-dharmmō='yam pratipādilah.

by king Viśvēśvara. As has been pointed out by the editor, there is a covert allusion to the date of a battle fought by Viśvēśvara in the text of the inscription, in the verse quoted below:

Gati-bāhu-śakti-bhū-mitim=api gaṇayat-Sarvasidhdhi(ddhi)-patha-bhagnam [
sati Chitrabhānu-sākshiṇi Dharaṇīvarāhād=adā(dhā)vad=Amdra(dhra)-balam ||

Dr. Nobel discloses the pun contained in the verse and brings to light the historical fact, namely, that king Viśvēśvara defeated the Andhra army, near Sarvasiddhi, in the cyclic year Chitrabhānu, represented by the Šaka year gati (5), bāhu (2), śakti (3), and bhū (1), i.e., 1325.

An exact Telugu rendering of the above verse is found in canto vii of the Telugu work Kāv-yālankāra-chūdāmaṇi, without, in any way, spoiling the ślēsha. It is as follows:

Chatur-upāya-bāhu-śakti-ksham-āvali bāraviḍichi Chitrabhānu sākshi bāre Sarvasiddhi-padam-ēdi Dharaṇīvarāhamunakun-ōḍi Rācha-kadupu ||

For the expressions gati and bhū in the Sanskrit verse the words chatur-upāya and kshamā were used respectively in Telugu. These are the only differences that could be found between the Sanskrit verse and the corresponding Telugu verse. The occurrence in Kāvyālankāra-chūdāmani, of a faithful rendering of the verse occurring in the inscription, leads us to surmise that the composer of the Panchadhārala inscription might be Vinnakōṭa Peddana. He would not have incorporated in his work the exact Telugu version of the Sanskrit verse, if he were not the composer of the inscription as well. Hence, it may be concluded that the author of the Panchadhārala inscription could be no other than Peddana, the court-poet of king Viśvēśvara.

The editor of the inscription deserves great praise for discovering the real import of the verse when many Telugu pandits and Sanskrit scholars who printed and edited the Kāvyālaṅkāra-chūdāmani were not able to disclose this fact, just because their outlook was more literary than historical. When, however, the verse in the Kāvyālaṅkāra-chūdāmani and the corresponding verse of the Pañchadhārala inscription are closely examined, we find that there is a small discrepancy in the date of the battle, arrived at by the editor of the inscription. He has taken gati to represent the numeral 'five'. But, that its value is 'four', is now ascertained by the Telugu verse, wherein the term chatur-upāya denoting the number 'four' was expressly used in the place of gati of the Sanskrit verse. Hence, the date given by Dr. Nobel should be corrected to Saka 1324.

Sankhyārthanāmaprakāšikā written by the erudite scholar, Kanuparti Venkatarāma Srī-Vidyānandanātha, assigns the value 'four' to the term gati and enumerates four gatis, namely Dēva-gati, Manushya-gati, Jantu-gati and Naraka-gati.

The value given to gati even in epigraphical literature is four as is evidenced by an inscription from Simhachalam, Vizagapatam District. The date of this inscription is given in the Telugu portion as Śaka-varshambulu 1294 and in the Sanskrit portion as 'Śākābdē gati-randhra-Bhānu-gaṇitē' etc. Another inscription' in Telugu from Yenamadala (Guntur District) which gives the date in chronogram 'guṇa-bāṇa-gati-chandra' in verse and in figures in prose, equates gati with four. Thus, we find that gati represents four.

The existence in the Kāvyālankāra-chūdāmani of the Telugu version of the verse mentioned above proves, beyond doubt, that this work had been composed after Saka 1324, the date of the battle referred to therein.

¹ S. I. I., Vol. VI, No. 742.

^{3 8.1} I., Vol. IV, No. 936,

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[The figures refer to pages; n. after a figure to footnotes and add to additions. The following other abbreviations are also used:—ca.=capital; ch.=chief; Chron.=Chronicle; ci=city; co.=country; com.=composer; dt.=district; dn.=division; do.=ditto; dy.=dynasty; E.=Eastern; engr.=engraver; ep.=epithet; f.=female; feud.=feudatory; gen.=general; Hist.=Historical; k.=king; l.=locality; l.m.=linear measure or land measure; m.=male; min.=minister; mo.=mountain; myth.=mythological; n.=name; N.=Northern; eff.=office or officer; pr.=prince; q.=queen; rel.=religious; ri.=river; S.=Southern; a.a.=same as; sur.=surname; te.=temple; t.d.=territorial division; tit.=title; tn.=town; tq.=taluq; vi.=village; W.=Western; wk.=work.]

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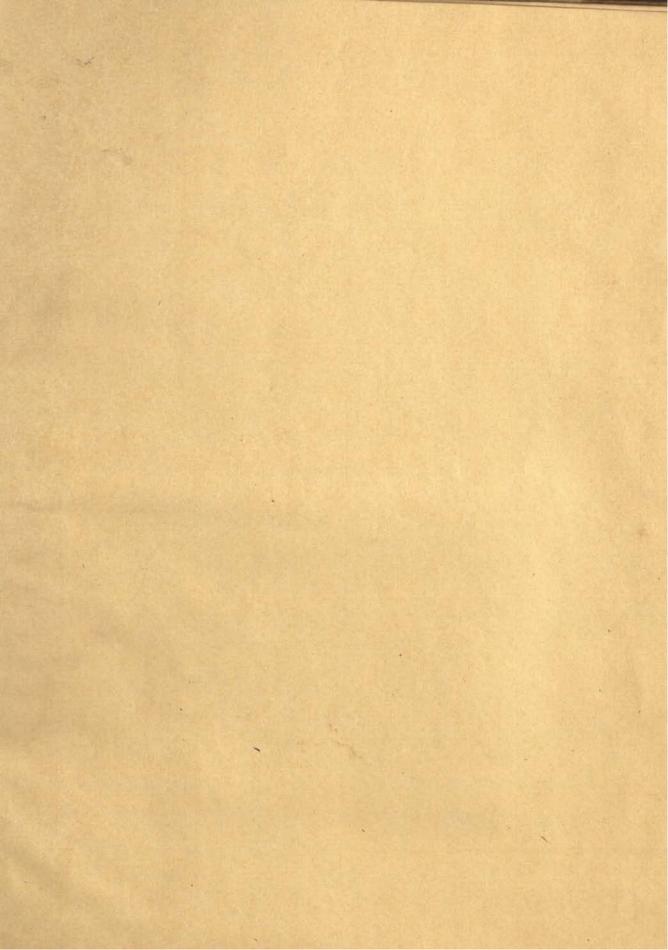
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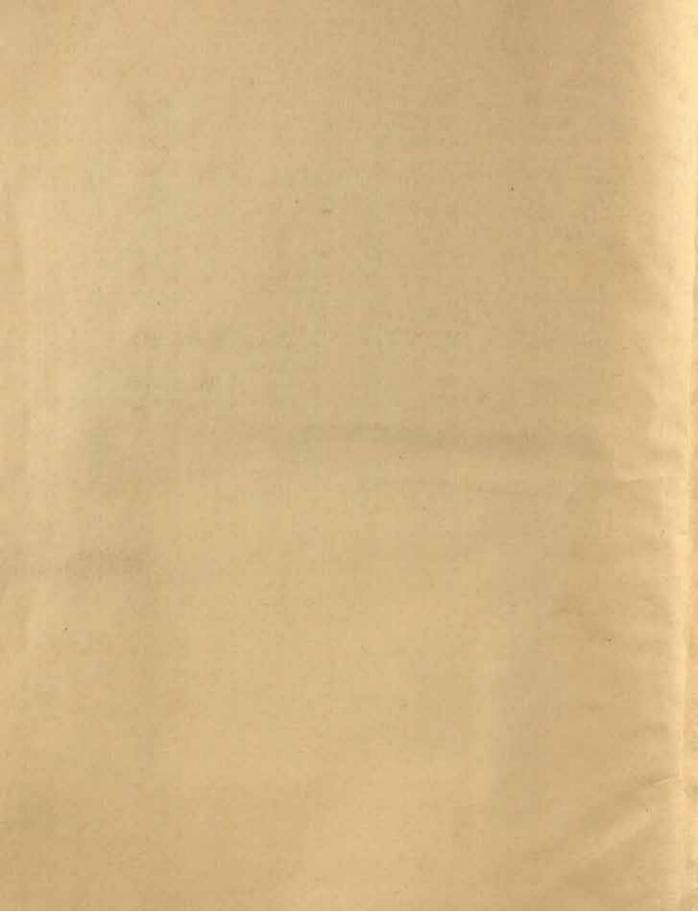
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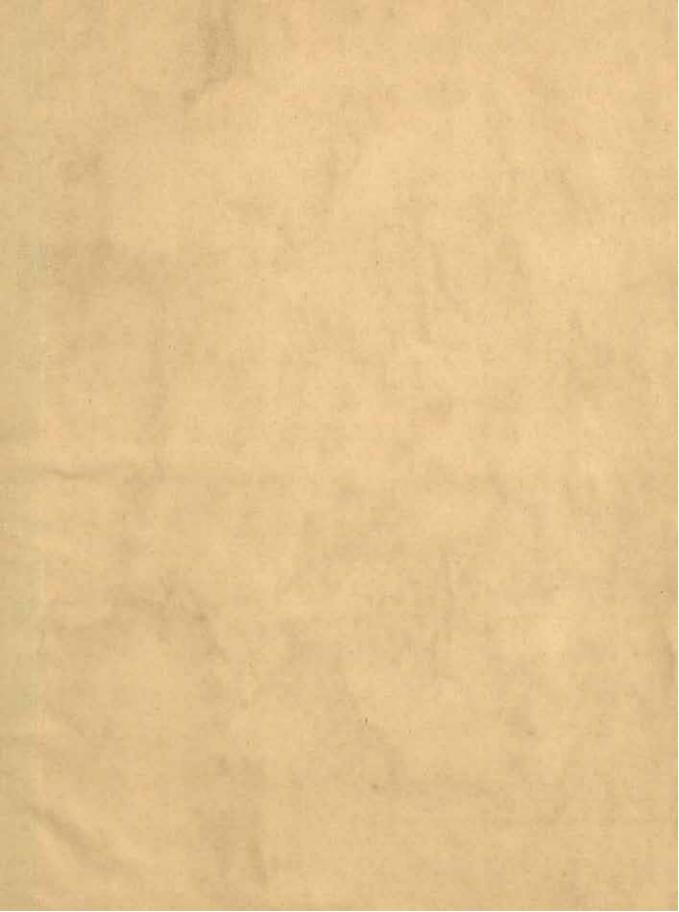
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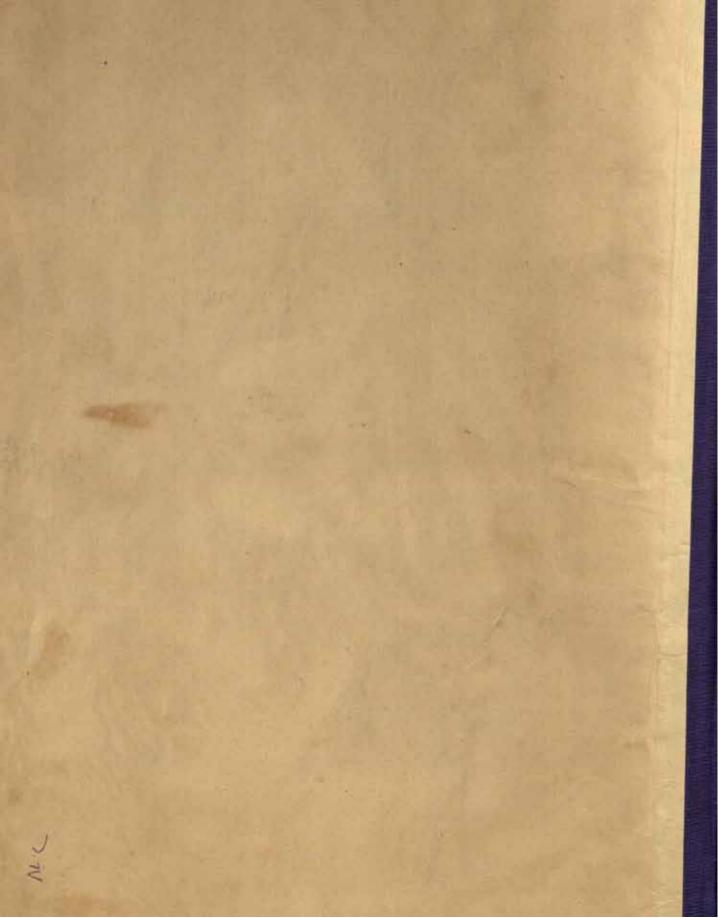
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